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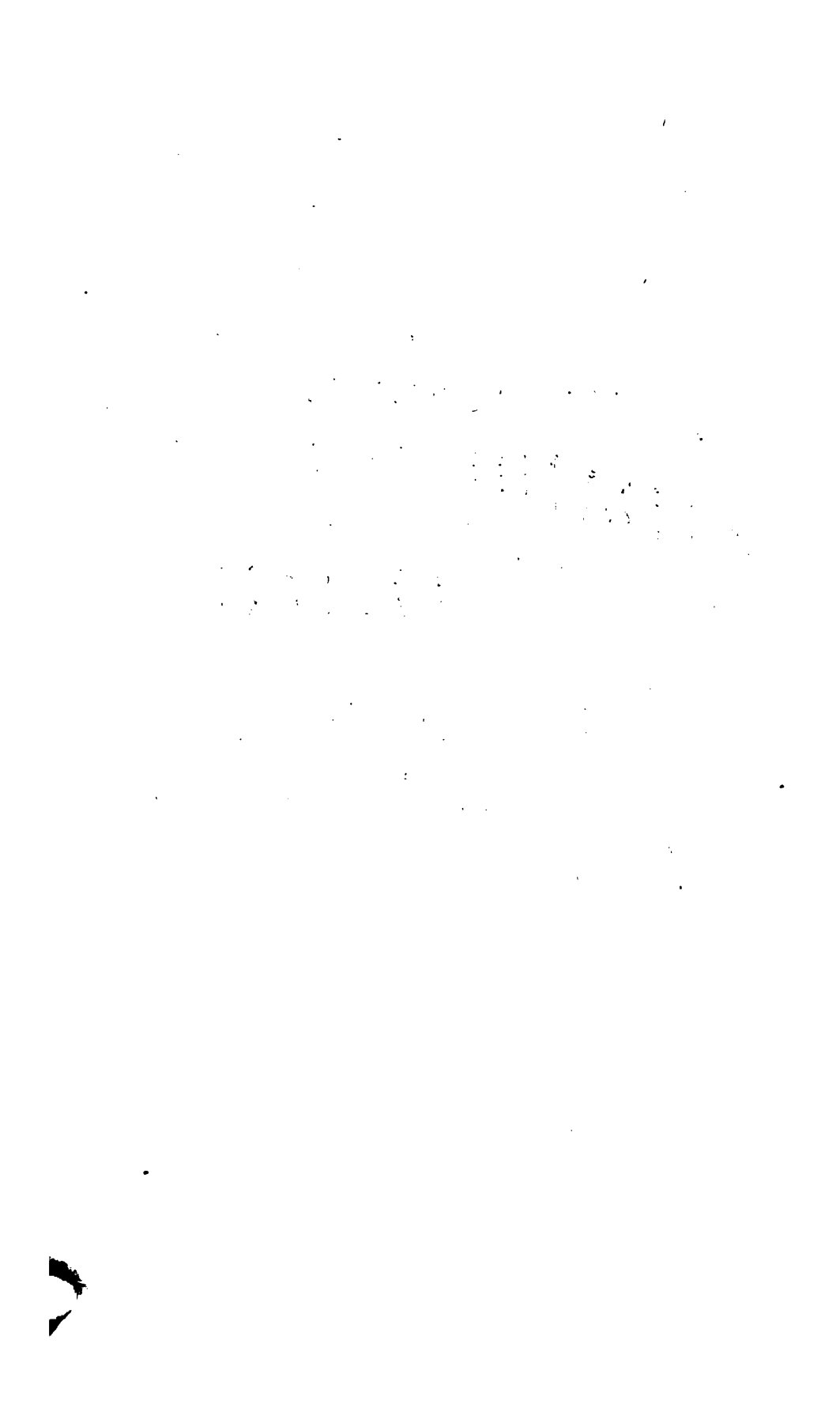


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1908



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OF THE

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

HELD IN

THE CITY OF MACON

OCT. 27-29, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

MACON, GA., October 27, 1908.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia was held in the City Auditorium, in the City of Macon, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, October 27, A. L. 5908.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the Master's Degree, and with prayer by B. F. Thurman, Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| Most Worshipful THOMAS H. JEFFRIES..... | Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful HENRY BANKS..... | Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful GEO. M. NAPIER..... | Senior Grand Warden |
| Right Worshipful ROBERT L. COLDING..... | Junior Grand Warden |
| Right Worshipful JAMES M. RUSHIN..... | Grand Treasurer |
| Right Worshipful W. A. WOLIHIN..... | Grand Secretary |
| Worshipful B. F. THURMAN..... | Grand Chaplain |
| Worshipful F. O. MILLER..... | Senior Grand Deacon |
| Worshipful ROBERT McMILLAN..... | Junior Grand Deacon |
| Worshipful W. G. ENGLAND..... | Grand Marshal |
| Worshipful ALFRED JESSOP..... | First Grand Steward |
| Worshipful FRANK W. COFFIN..... | Second Grand Steward |
| Worshipful J. V. SMITH..... | Third Grand Steward |
| Worshipful LEE WAGES..... | Grand Tyler |

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Most Worshipful JAMES W. TAYLOR..... | Past Grand Master |
| Most Worshipful MAX MEYERHARDT..... | Past Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful JAMES M. RUSHIN..... | Past Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful J. E. REDWINE..... | Past Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful CHARLES P. GORDON..... | Past Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful W. B. DANIEL..... | Past Grand Treasurer |

ROLL CALL OF LODGES AND NAMES OF DELEGATES.

The roll of Lodges was called, when the following delegates were found to be present and representing their Lodges:

ROLL.

| <i>No. and Name of Lodge</i> | <i>Name of Delegate</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Solomon's | Frank B. Torlay |
| 1. Social | S. E. Marston, Acting |
| 2. Gate City | John Z. Lawshe, Proxy |
| 3. Benevolent | Edward E. Bell |
| 4. Rising Star | F. L. Batchelor, Proxy |
| 5. Macon | John A. Davis |
| 6. Golden Fleece | A. S. Hopkins |
| 7. Columbian | R. J. Hunter, Proxy |
| 8. Orion | V. Berry |
| 9. Mount Hope | E. J. Henry |
| 11. Franklin | E. P. Davis |
| 12. Latham | W. D. Rutherford |
| 13. Americus | L. J. Blalock |
| 14. Marion | J. H. Bryant |
| 15. Zerubbabel | Chas. J. Richards, Proxy |
| 16. Hamilton | L. L. Stanford |
| 17. Darley | Van. M. Fletcher |
| 18. Strict Observance | G. L. Alexander, Proxy |
| 19. Washington | J. W. Stanford |
| 20. Generous Warren | Clifford Walker |
| 21. Hiram | W. J. Carter |
| 22. Mt. Vernon | H. R. Palmer |
| 24. Albany | Ben C. Adams |
| 25. Philomatheia | A. J. Cleveland, Proxy |
| 26. Meridian Sun | Lloyd Cleveland, Acting |
| 27. Morning Star | Walter L. Jenkins |
| 28. Union | Henry Reeves |
| 29. John H. Felts | J. B. Ivy |
| 30. Murrayville | H. H. Stephens |
| 31. Montgomery | E. M. Owen |
| 32. Rising Sun | T. J. Williams, Proxy |
| 33. Kennesaw | J. M. Austin |
| 34. San Marino | T. B. Rice |
| 35. Houston | C. E. Brunson |
| 36. Unity | Jesse C. Bennett |
| 37. Fraternal | J. M. Carmichael |
| 38. Blue Mountain | Homer Head |
| 39. Newborn | P. Wilson, Jr. |
| 40. Chipley | T. T. Davis |
| 41. Pythagoras | E. H. Mason, Proxy |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 42. Leary | M. A. Bunch |
| 43. West Point | H. B. Davidson |
| 44. LaFayette | W. A. Edmondson |
| 45. St. Johns | T. H. Buttrill |
| 46. Oakland | D. P. Ellis |
| 47. Tifton | J. S. Gauldin |
| 48. Landrum | E. A. Cutts, Proxy |
| 49. Boman | J. S. Brewster |
| 50. Jasper | Edward Wynn |
| 51. Hiram | W. T. Standard |
| 52. Gladesville | E. C. McKinley |
| 53. Bigham | J. P. Walton |
| 54. Clinton | Joseph P. Figg |
| 55. Sumach | W. L. Henry |
| 57. Walesca | H. N. Addington |
| 58. Hamilton | S. M. Hitchcock, Proxy |
| 59. Atlanta | Thomas Evans |
| 60. Coweta | B. C. Sanders |
| 61. Chattahoochee | Frank S. Loftin |
| 62. Randolph | E. A. Graham |
| 63. Cartersville | A. M. Puckett, Proxy |
| 64. Cohutta | R. A. McCoy |
| 65. Traveler's Rest | L. W. Gardner, Proxy |
| 66. Cherokee | Max Meyerhardt |
| 67. Dawson | R. J. Mann, Proxy |
| 68. Dawson | W. H. Lloyd, Proxy |
| 69. Carroll | J. D. Hamrick |
| 70. Hollonville | Josephus Coggins |
| 71. Goshen | W. T. Freel |
| 72. Villa Rica | G. P. Braswell |
| 73. Philadelphia | J. M. Folsom |
| 74. Palmetto | Sim Zellers, Proxy |
| 75. Laurens | W. B. Rogers |
| 76. Campbellton | J. R. Carter |
| 77. Canton | Jabez Galt |
| 78. Buchanan | M. Bullard |
| 79. Glenwood | O. B. Walker |
| 80. Weston | C. C. Tracy, Proxy |
| 81. Oak Bowery | J. L. Parks |
| 82. W. P. Arnold | B. F. Thompson |
| 83. Zaradatha | D. W. Goodwin, Proxy |
| 85. Daniel | B. R. Harper |
| 86. Magnolia | J. F. Freeman |
| 87. Jonesboro | E. L. Dorsey |
| 88. Pinta | W. A. Prout |
| 89. W. D. Luckie | R. M. Abernathy |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 90. Ringgold | Robert D. Ogletree |
| 91. Western | W. A. Foster, Proxy |
| 92. Cornelia | J. A. Walker |
| 93. Hogansville | W. D. Zachry |
| 94. New River | L. B. Webb, Proxy |
| 95. M. B. Council | E. A. Nisbet |
| 96. Georgia | Wm. M. Smith |
| 97. Rockmart | J. T. Gibson |
| 98. Lookout | W. A. Simmons |
| 99. Johnnie's Hill | E. C. Hale |
| 100. McRae | R. L. Clark, Proxy |
| 101. Whiteford | J. B. Burch |
| 102. Chestatee | James A. Cathern |
| 103. Davidson | W. N. Strange |
| 104. Ridgeway | J. B. Fields |
| 105. Dalton | Frank F. Baker |
| 106. Quitman | E. H. Rood |
| 107. Sardis | J. S. Donaldson |
| 108. Chapel | C. E. Banks |
| 109. Summerville | N. K. Bitting |
| 110. Fort Valley | L. Carter |
| 111. R. E. Lee | W. B. Smith |
| 112. Jesup | Geo. F. Armstrong |
| 113. Oostanaula | A. S. Harvey |
| 114. Alleghany | J. Y. Walker |
| 115. Troup Factory | J. A. Estes |
| 116. Richard T. Turner | E. B. Douglass |
| 117. Ochlocknee | J. F. Singletary |
| 118. Kimbrough | R. A. Moya |
| 119. Pine View | Judson Johnson |
| 120. Mackey | W. F. Gains |
| 121. Caledonia | J. L. Tison |
| 122. Mount Olive | G. A. Mathews |
| 123. Baber | C. H. Mapp, Proxy |
| 124. Furlow | J. A. McDonald |
| 125. Calvin | C. H. Pope |
| 126. Tallapoosa | Wm. C. Cornelius |
| 127. Ancient York | J. L. Savage |
| 128. Camilla | I. A. Bush, Sr. |
| 129. Fickling | J. T. Adams |
| 130. Mount Moriah | C. D. Redwine |
| 131. Lawrenceville | B. L. Patterson |
| 132. Andrew M. Wolihin | W. R. Moore |
| 133. Mount Hickory | C. P. Gaines |
| 134. Hunter | Geo. S. Haslam |
| 135. Fergus | J. R. Stevens |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 136. Pine Log | R. I. Battle |
| 137. Live Oak | C. M. Tyson |
| 138. Howard | E. H. Bryant |
| 139. Bartlett | E. W. Dean |
| 140. Claremont | Carson Crawley |
| 141. Mount Airy | J. V. Christian |
| 142. Haralson | T. W. T. Wilson |
| 143. Southwestern | J. C. Stephens |
| 144. Ellerslie | N. G. Oattis |
| 145. Spring Place | Frank E. Vonberg |
| 146. Kivlin | J. L. Biggers |
| 147. Broxton | T. J. Young |
| 148. Phi Delta | Oscar Brown |
| 149. Griffith | J. A. Crook |
| 150. Irwinton | J. E. Butler |
| 151. Doerun | A. H. Hancock, Proxy |
| 152. Sharon Grove | E. A. Huckaby, Proxy |
| 153. Springville | J. H. Lewis |
| 154. Oothcaloga | A. H. Chastain |
| 155. Cusseta | W. A. Sapp |
| 156. Harmony | Joseph Conkle |
| 157. Hall County | John L. Mauldin, Proxy |
| 158. Lexington | L. H. Bacon |
| 159. County Line | J. A. McAlister |
| 161. Chauncey | John M. Clark |
| 162. Joppa | R. A. Broach |
| 163. Satilla | D. J. Pearson |
| 164. Twiggs | B. B. Wimberly |
| 165. Roswell | Geo. E. Crowley |
| 166. Webb | J. H. Flythe |
| 167. Floyd Springs | W. L. Selman |
| 168. Adairsville | N. C. Anderson, Proxy |
| 169. Mt. Ebal | D. A. Handley |
| 170. Rotherwood | J. W. Brown |
| 171. Adamsville | C. Corvell |
| 172. McDonald | Reese Griffin |
| 173. Cross | J. T. Harrison |
| 174. Redwine | M. M. Gentry, Proxy |
| 175. Zabud | C. D. Grant |
| 176. Acworth | A. J. Morgan |
| 177. Pine Grove | J. P. S. Nash |
| 178. Philologia | M. H. Plunkett |
| 179. Trenton | T. J. Lumpkin, Proxy |
| 180. Fairburn | A. J. Luck |
| 181. Milford | J. B. Edmonds |
| 182. Dallas | W. M. Hitchcock |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 183. High Falls | J. D. Aiken |
| 184. St. John the Baptist | O. H. McDonald |
| 185. Cool Springs | S. A. Bryan |
| 186. Carnesville | T. C. Holbrook |
| 187. Center | Dan. Gillis |
| 188. Marshall | J. W. Bulluck, Acting |
| 189. Hartwell | W. E. Meredith |
| 190. Rochelle | W. S. Blackshear |
| 191. Rockwell | C. M. Hudgins |
| 192. Brooksville | M. E. Tison |
| 193. Coffee | J. J. Boney |
| 194. Worth | E. J. Rhodes, Proxy |
| 195. Holmesville | Henry Lynn |
| 196. Folkston | T. L. Pickren |
| 197. Willacoochee | D. E. Gaskins |
| 198. Millwood | John T. Graham |
| 199. Lumber City | D. P. McArthur |
| 200. Walton | O. E. Lancaster |
| 201. Ocoee | G. W. Tarpley |
| 202. Tunnel Hill | J. A. Gault |
| 203. Ashler | H. V. Edwards |
| 204. A. J. Miller | D. L. Farmer |
| 205. Hickory Flat | J. N. Simpson |
| 206. Bowdon | J. L. Lovvorn |
| 207. Marble Hill | J. M. Eaton |
| 208. Hudson | P. E. Wheeler |
| 209. Alapaha | B. F. Prine |
| 210. Sycamore | W. T. Williams |
| 211. Alpine | E. M. Jennings |
| 212. Flowery Branch | W. D. Hawkins |
| 213. Ogeechee | A. J. Mooney, Proxy |
| 214. Ocean | J. B. C. Blitch |
| 215. Gaulding | W. R. McCrary |
| 216. Fulton | W. S. Richardson |
| 217. Cochran | C. T. Hall |
| 218. Simon Holt | Walter C. Dancer |
| 219. Gainesville | Robt. D. Grigg |
| 220. Pickens Star | William King |
| 221. Sonora | A. F. Elrod |
| 222. Etowah | J. B. Byers |
| 223. Smith | T. F. Carter |
| 224. Cassia | G. M. Dame |
| 225. Attapulugus | M. H. Luten |
| 226. Fort Early | J. A. Stephens |
| 227. Altamaha | M. M. Smith |
| 228. Norcross | C. A. McDaniel |

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| 229. P. T. Schley | J. C. Hollingsworth |
| 230. Auburn | A. J. Pool, Proxy |
| 231. Ancient Landmark | Chas. A. Emerson |
| 232. Mountain | J. M. Bradley |
| 233. Wood's Station..... | C. A. Cooper |
| 234. Duncan | Jas. A. Alexander |
| 235. Alpharetta | Geo. D. Rucker |
| 236. Luthersville | Hugh W. Taylor |
| 237. Shalto | J. H. Mathis |
| 238. Cassia | J. T. McNeal |
| 239. Aural | J. C. McAllister |
| 240. Gordon | T. H. Hardie |
| 241. Lavonia | H. H. Chandler |
| 242. Dixie | F. M. Austin, Proxy |
| 243. Anderson | John D. Outlaw |
| 244. Swainsboro | F. H. Saffold |
| 245. Lawrence | R. B. Porter |
| 246. Woodstock | Wiley Dobbs |
| 247. Eureka | A. W. Godwin |
| 248. Screven | B. F. Joyner |
| 249. Arlington | C. K. Sharp |
| 250. Smithville | W. D. Wells |
| 251. Sprayberry | G. P. Snead |
| 252. Draketown | T. J. Cochran |
| 253. W. P. Haynes..... | W. D. Chapman |
| 254. Morven | C. C. McRae |
| 255. Mabel | C. A. McAllister |
| 256. Tennille | J. G. Tyler |
| 257. Gibson | Z. T. Thigpen |
| 258. Ivena | E. Hubbard |
| 259. Unicoy | J. J. Kimsey |
| 260. Stilesboro | R. F. Kincannon |
| 261. Ball Ground | C. W. Groover |
| 262. Locust Grove..... | J. T. Davis |
| 263. Damascus | J. N. Wediner |
| 264. Summertown | M. J. McGee |
| 265. Rabun Gap | J. C. Dover |
| 266. A. I. Leet | R. B. Shaw |
| 267. Salem | J. C. Earnest |
| 268. Carter Hill | J. C. Bedingfield |
| 269. St. John's | Geo. A. Moore |
| 270. Blackshear | W. N. Brown |
| 271. Hinesville | W. W. Zorn |
| 272. Western Light | Thos. Walker |
| 273. Friendship | F. M. Chalker |
| 274. Waynesboro | S. Schwarzweiss, Proxy |

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| 275. Cedar Creek | A. A. Adcock |
| 276. Harlem | M. H. McElmurray |
| 277. Mobley | W. M. Parker |
| 278. Chestnut Mountain | A. W. Morrow |
| 279. Eastman | John B. Clark |
| 280. Springfield | W. T. Greene |
| 281. Horeb | J. J. Parramore |
| 282. Sixes | J. T. Worley, Proxy |
| 283. Hazlehurst | J. M. DeFoor |
| 284. Z T. Phelps | Geo. W. Schramm |
| 285. Grantville | J. R. Cotton, Proxy |
| 286. Dorminy's Mill | J. E. Dykes |
| 287. Bluffton | R. G. Smith |
| 288. East Point | J. H. Dennard |
| 289. Douglasville | R. E. Edwards |
| 290. Toombsboro | J. L. Dean |
| 291. Tilton | W. A. Stephens |
| 292. Buford | T. C. Shadburn |
| 293. Rising Fawn | W. A. Steele |
| 294. Hudson | John B. Hardman |
| 295. Cassville | Jas. B. Crawford |
| 296. Cordelia | R. R. Harris |
| 297. High Shoals | J. A. Christopher |
| 298. Rutland | J. T. Miller |
| 299. Cairo | M. J. Pearce |
| 300. Crawfish Spring | E. P. Hall |
| 302. Millikin's Creek | S. J. Bland, Proxy |
| 303. Bryan | T. C. Morgan |
| 304. Mount Hermon | J. A. Walton, Proxy |
| 305. Waycross | Robt. L. Singleton |
| 306. Cossawattee | R. G. Robertson |
| 307. Indian Spring | A. F. White |
| 309. Toccoa | W. A. Bailey |
| 310. Adel | W. L. Kennon, Proxy |
| 311. Walnut Hill | F. A. Hill |
| 312. Pelham | D. M. Rogers |
| 313. Eureka | J. G. Pait, Proxy |
| 314. Meyerhardt | J. F. Brinkley |
| 315. Irwinville | Jas. B. Clements |
| 316. Mount Zion | W. A. Couch |
| 317. Girard | H. C. Hillis |
| 318. Alcova | O. L. Holmes |
| 319. Sugar Valley | N. A. Bradford |
| 320. Bussey | D. A. Hudson |
| 322. Temple | D. H. Hamrick |
| 323. Nelms | John H. Cantrell |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 324. Vienna | E. G. Greene, Proxy |
| 325. Clarksville | W. A. Simmons |
| 326. Woodbine | A. K. Swift |
| 327. Kite | J. D. Wheeler |
| 328. Hoboken | B. B. Moore |
| 329. Few | J. W. Jordan, Proxy |
| 330. Vidalia | M. A. McQueen |
| 331. Harrison | D. Q. Wilson |
| 332. Waco | F. A. Little |
| 333. Winder | S. H. C. Monroe |
| 334. Davidson | James R. Jones |
| 335. Ezell | James E. Rogers |
| 336. Whitesburg | J. F. Hilley |
| 337. Turin | F. O. Watkins |
| 338. Lyerly | J. M. Rose |
| 339. Silver City | G. W. Smith |
| 340. Dexter | J. A. Warren |
| 341. Sweat's Mountain | C. C. Dobbs |
| 342. Handy | Z. T. Estep |
| 343. DeWald | M. L. Wallace |
| 344. Primus | A. J. Brown, Proxy |
| 345. Stillmore | B. L. Brinson |
| 346. Hahira | W. W. Webb |
| 347. Maysville | J. B. Hill |
| 348. John H. Jones | James R. Echols |
| 349. Morning Star | John Cochran |
| 350. Sand Hill | J. A. F. Broom |
| 351. Texas | T. M. Awbery |
| 352. Lula | J. T. Hyder |
| 353. Pine Level | W. R. Dykes |
| 354. Lincolnton | W. B. Crawford |
| 355. Hollingsworth | N. P. Alexander |
| 356. Whigham | M. M. McCord |
| 357. Lost Mountain | J. W. Arnold |
| 358. Harrison | H. F. Sheppard |
| 359. Washington | J. T. Royal |
| 360. Patillo | A. H. Chapple |
| 361. DeSoto | E. S. Ferguson, Jr. |
| 362. Flippen | R. P. Wood |
| 363. Taylor | C. W. Robertson |
| 364. Plainsville | I. D. Smith |
| 366. Ohoopee | Geo. W. Meadows |
| 368. Screven | D. R. Thornton |
| 369. Thomasville | W. S. Blackshear |
| 370. Adrian | B. C. Kea |
| 371. Flint Hill | J. H. Griffith |

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| 372. Rocky Ford | H. A. Proctor |
| 373. Bickley | J. M. Douglas |
| 374. Ocilla | D. J. Henderson, Sr., Proxy |
| 375. Siloam | W. C. Wood |
| 376. Madison | C. F. Barnett |
| 377. Sandy Plains | A. E. Johnson |
| 378. Sirmans | H. A. O'Quinn |
| 379. Doles | David Champion, Proxy |
| 380. Oceana | H. M. Zeigler |
| 381. Moultrie | C. L. Austin, Proxy |
| 382. Yonah | C. H. Edwards |
| 383. Dover | W. M. Blitch |
| 384. Seville | J. A. Collins |
| 385. Alexander | G. P. Blanchard |
| 386. Douglas | John M. Hall |
| 387. Arabi | Allen Owens |
| 388. Reuben Jones | C. M. Jackson |
| 389. Mill Ray | I. S. L. Miller |
| 390. Wolihin | F. W. Worrill |
| 391. Bachlott | E. A. Lewis |
| 392. White House | R. Hightower |
| 393. Milan | W. H. Studstill |
| 394. Kingston | L. P. Gaines |
| 395. Warwick | A. R. Hayward |
| 396. Coleman | B. L. Brown |
| 397. Rossville | W. S. Henry |
| 399. Forest | J. H. Huie |
| 400. Nichols | W. M. Brown, Proxy |
| 401. Concord | J. C. Owen |
| 402. Marchman | A. J. Gullledge |
| 403. Centralhatchee | W. B. Hardy |
| 404. Shannon | A. M. Scarborough |
| 405. Harmony | W. H. Moxley |
| 406. Hartsfield | S. L. Hays, Proxy |
| 407. Yatesville | A. A. Crawford |
| 408. Crawford | W. J. Dent, Proxy |
| 409. Rhine | J. C. Walker |
| 410. Bay View | D. I. Dawson |
| 411. Blue Ridge | J. B. Chastain |
| 412. Richmond | Henry S. Jones, Proxy |
| 413. Griffin | T. S. Stephens |
| 414. Stephens | J. A. Sharp |
| 415. Lone Oak | J. L. Prickett |
| 416. Bolton | C. L. Gillette |
| 417. Sibbie | G. C. Wilcox |
| 418. Fort Hawkins | Geo. Ward |

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| 419. Rose | L. W. Stanford, Proxy |
| 420. Woodbury | L. D. Long |
| 421. Sweetwater | G. W. Richardson |
| 422. Norman | W. R. Bradley |
| 423. McCays | J. K. Adams |
| 424. Long Cane | N. P. Moore |
| 425. Oakwood | J. M. Sheffield |
| 426. Royston | W. A. Maxwell, Proxy |
| 427. Amity | T. T. Chandler |
| 428. Guyton | Geo. H. Richter |
| 429. Sylvan | O. L. Byrom |
| 430. Sincerity | J. C. Barron |
| 431. Henry C. Burr | J. J. Childs |
| 432. Moniac | J. W. Strickland |
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| 434. Milltown | J. V. Talley, Proxy |
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| 436. Kent | M. L. O'Brien |
| 437. Lenox | J. R. Robinson |
| 438. Roger Wood | J. S. Chambers, Proxy |
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| 440. Egypt | John E. Foy |
| 441. Riverdale | J. A. Huie |
| 442. Sparta | J. S. I. Sappington |
| 444. Chamblee | J. W. McMurtrey |
| 445. Lookout Mountain | J. M. Addington |
| 446. Hamby | W. H. Hunter, Proxy |
| 447. Piedmont | C. P. Taylor |
| 448. Amity | H. L. Culbertson |
| 449. Stone Mountain | C. I. Deshong |
| 450. Byron | E. H. Holland |
| 451. Baconton | W. J. Mullins |
| 452. Funston | A. W. Hamilton |
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| 457. Euharlee | J. F. McGowan |
| 458. Summit | E. L. Cowart, Jr. |
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| 460. Thagard | R. L. Faircloth |
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| 462. Bartow | LeRoy Smith, Proxy |
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| 464. Rebecca | F. H. Taylor |
| 465. Gay | J. R. Nettles |

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| 469. Pembroke | S. S. Moyd |
| 470. Stonewall | R. L. Bethea |
| 471. Howel | G. E. Gupton |
| 472. Sale City | W. R. McClain, Proxy |
| 473. Pinehurst | W. E. Beacham, Proxy |
| 474. Jenkinsburg | A. F. Taylor |
| 475. Meansville | J. J. Howell |
| 476. Camden | J. B. Smith |
| 477. New Home | N. B. Snider |
| 478. Lyons | V. H. Coursey |
| 479. Glenwood | Thomas Kent |
| 480. Duluth | D. W. Wilson |
| 481. Gordon | Geo. T. Gurr |
| 482. Stilson | John I. Lane |
| 483. Mineral Bluff | J. V. Smith |
| 484. Suttle | J. M. Jackson |
| 485. Tate | Albert Morris |
| 486. Palestine | James E. Warren |
| 487. Faceville | W. M. Duke |
| 488. Babcock | J. H. Sessions |
| 489. Mansfield | J. W. Henderson |
| 490. County Line | E. D. Hulsey |
| 492. Clarkston | F. M. Kenney |
| 493. Butler | Joshua Tillman |
| 494. Byromville | L. W. Mobley |
| 495. Elm | S. L. Hall |
| 496. Metcalf | W. J. Taylor, Proxy |
| 497. Jersey | Josiah Blasingame |
| 498. Pulaski | J. Z. Patrick |
| 499. Montrose | J. T. Melton |
| 500. Edison | E. Lasseter |
| 501. S. G. Kent | John A. Salter |
| 502. Oliff | C. H. Anderson |
| 503. Newington | R. M. Colson |
| 504. Cooledge | W. A. Bustle |
| 505. Truth | J. G. Carter, Jr. |
| 506. Crest | Emory Long |
| 507. Bogart | S. M. Welborn |
| 508. Zion | H. M. Earnest |
| 509. Eton | S. A. Brown |
| 510. Dawnville | J. S. Rollins |
| 511. Chapel | W. J. Newson |
| 512. Concord | B. W. Lockhart |
| 513. J. S. Davitte | J. W. Fambrough, Proxy |

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| 517. Martin | L. V. Matheson |
| 518. Subligna | George Morton |
| 519. Zingara | J. C. Bowen |
| 520. Beach | T. H. Calhoun |
| 521. Midville | E. A. Harris |
| 522. Winston | W. K. Burnett |
| 523. Battle Hill | J. B. Roberts |
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| 525. Brooklet | W. H. Howell |
| 526. Tarrytown | D. F. Wormack |
| 527. Morris | A. H. Morris |
| 528. Lovett | L. P. Fordham |
| 529. Spread | E. B. Rogers |
| 530. Alma | A. S. Cody |

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| Adams, E. S. | Smithville, No. 250 |
| Austin, G. W. | Dixie, No. 242 |
| Adams, R. P. | Carter Hill No. 268 |
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| Atwood, S. S. | Stilesboro, No. 260 |
| Allen, J. S. | Gainesville, No. 219 |
| Adams, J. T. | Chamblee, No. 444 |
| Allen, H. E. | Americus, No. 13 |
| Anthoin, J. W. | Fort Valley, No. 110 |
| Anderson, W. M. | Mobley, No. 277 |
| Anderson, M. M. | Battle Hill, No. 523 |
| Ashmore, W. L. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| Atcheson, J. R. | Daniel, No. 85 |
| Alexander, J. A. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| Anderson, William | Mobley, No. 277 |
| Askew, Uriah | Harmony, No. 156 |
| Atkinson, J. M. | Harlem, No. 276 |
| Atkins, W. H. | Friendship, No. 273 |
| Burdett, H. | Bethel, No. 515 |
| Burnett, A. J. | Carroll, No. 69 |
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| Bridges, I. R. | Washington, No. 19 |
| Bishop, J. A. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| Barry, Chas. F. | Edison, No. 500 |
| Bridges, J. C. | Smith, No. 223 |
| Beckworth, A. J. | Holmesville, No. 195 |
| Ballard, N. H. | Ocean, No. 214 |
| Buah, W. J. | Milan, No. 393 |
| Burnett, J. L. | Darley, No. 17 |
| Baird, J. T. | Texas, No. 351 |
| Baird, J. C. | Clairmont, No. 140 |
| Burtz, J. M. | Hickory Flat, No. 205 |
| Brown, F. M. | Ocean, No. 214 |
| Boggs, R. W. | John H. Jones, No. 348 |
| Brantley, S. H. | Fairburn, No. 180 |
| Brown, R. A. | Buford, No. 292 |
| Beard, F. L. | Buford, No. 292 |
| Bennett, N. O. | Fergus, No. 135 |
| Barrett, A. M. | Silver City, No. 339 |
| Boyd, W. M. | Hogansville, No. 93 |
| Butt, E. W. | Blue Ridge, No. 411 |
| Burkett, L. W. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| Bates, J. C. | Hickory Flat, No. 205 |
| Branan, R. F. | Bigham, No. 53 |
| Barrett, C. S. | Henry C. Burr, No. 431 |
| Bragg, W. A. | Sincerity, No. 430 |
| Bartlett, A. L. | Bartlett, No. 139 |
| Boatwright, F. G. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| Bussy, B. N. | Chauncey, No. 161 |
| Burress, C. W. | McRae, No. 100 |
| Beaver, W. J. | Ocoee, No. 201 |
| Barnard, A. V. | Philadelphia, No. 73 |
| Brown, L. W. | Roger Wood, No. 438 |
| Bryan, S. G. | White House, No. 392 |
| Brown, L. W. | Roger Wood, No. 438 |
| Bagley, E. W. | Cohutta, No. 64 |
| Burdett, F. A. | Sardis, No. 107 |
| Bracy, X. J. | A. M. Wolihin, No. 132 |
| Bond, J. F. L. | John H. Jones, No. 348 |
| Bedgood, J. H. | Arabi, No. 367 |
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| Brown, J. E. | Fraternal, No. 37 |
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| Bethea, C. E. | Lawrence, No. 245 |
| Bailey, T. L. | Cochran, No. 217 |
| Cavender, W. W. | Sylvan, No. 429 |
| Carpenter, R. H. | Atlanta, No. 59 |
| Carter, James R. | Rotherwood, No. 170 |
| Cobb, J. T. | Buchanan, No. 78 |
| Caldwell, W. J. | Pinta, No. 88 |
| Clements, Jesse. | Fort Early, No. 226 |
| Cavender, J. E. | Mansfield, No. 489 |
| Chipley, J. T. | Truth, No. 505 |
| Cheatham, G. B. | Acworth, No. 176 |
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| Clark, H. B. | Taylor, No. 363 |
| Crouch, J. T. | Taylor, No. 363 |
| Comas, P. H. | Holmesville, No. 195 |
| Covington, L. C. | Rebecca, No. 464 |
| Carling, T. J. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| Calhoun, J. J. | Tarrytown, No. 426 |
| Cline, J. W. | R. E. Lee, No. 111 |
| Cole, J. R. | Marchman, No. 402 |
| Cason, C. H. | Walnut Grove, No. 365 |
| Cunningham, L. W. | Carroll, No. 69 |
| Craven, W. L. | Goshen, No. 71 |
| Cantrell, W. W. | Floyd Springs, No. 167 |
| Crow, W. T. | Mount Zion, No. 316 |
| Cooper, C. A. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Cooper, J. W. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Cartledge, J. T. | W. P. Arnold, No. 82 |
| Conner, W. O. | Mackey, No. 120 |
| Colson, J. F. | Howell, No. 471 |
| Cox, W. A. | Oak Bowery, No. 81 |
| Cole, W. A. | Marchman, No. 402 |
| Cates, R. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| Cobb, J. P. | Oak Bowery, No. 81 |
| Colson, T. N. | Daniel, No. 85 |
| Clark, Harlan | Eastman, No. 279 |
| Clements, J. W. | McRae, No. 100 |
| Cobb, J. L. | Carroll, No. 69 |
| Camp, B. L. | Whitesburg, No. 336 |
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| Carnes, W. E. | Atlanta, No. 59 |
| Dyer, W. T. | Sylvan, No. 429 |
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| Dooley, B. F. | Alcova, No. 318 |
| Davis, John H. | Unicoy, No. 259 |
| Donahue, J. W. | Bolton, No. 416 |
| Davis, S. W. | Thomasville, No. 369 |
| DuBose, J. J. | Douglas, No. 386 |
| Davis, J. L. | Griffin, No. 413 |
| Driggers, M. N. | Macon, No. 5 |
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| Dooley, O. E. | Macon, No. 5 |
| Dickey, John R. | Gate City, No. 2 |
| Dumas, E. T. | Sincerity, No. 430 |
| Duke, O. M. | Indian Spring, No. 307 |
| Dill, C. J. | W. P. Arnold, No. 82 |
| Duncan, C. A. | Whitesburg, No. 336 |
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| Dance, J. L. | Hudson, No. 208 |
| Dodson, B. F. | Forest, No. 399 |
| Dooley, T. W. | Alcova, No. 318 |
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| Evans, J. N. | Rochelle, No. 190 |
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| Evans, W. H. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
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| Edwards, J. A. | Hunter, No. 134 |
| Edenfield, H. G. | Screven, No. 248 |
| Ethridge, T. F. | Pinehurst, No. 473 |
| Evers, R. C. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Elder, J. L. | Sincerity, No. 430 |
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| Fuller, E. J. | Hamilton, No. 58 |
| Fambro, E. M. | Horeb, No. 281 |
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| Freeman, J. A. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
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| Fletcher, H. M. | St. Johns, No. 45 |
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| Fitzpatrick, B. F. | Liberty Hill, No. 308 |
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| Griswold, S. H. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| Guin, R. H. | High Shoals, No. 297 |
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| Gambrell, P. H. | Macon, No. 5 |
| Giles, J. T. | Flint Hill, No. 371 |
| Green, S. H. | Bolton, No. 416 |
| Gastley, T. J. | Clarksville, No. 325 |
| Gilmore, J. L. | Ivena, No. 258 |
| Gibson, W. A. | Harrison, No. 331 |
| Griffin, W. J. | Southwestern, No. 143 |
| Griffin, W. H. | Duncan, No. 234 |
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| Gilleon, J. R. | McRae, No. 100 |
| Glenn, J. J. W. | Luthersville, No. 236 |
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| Goggans, N. J. | Zabud, No. 175 |
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| Graves, Tally B. | Gate City, No. 2 |
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| Hall, John F. | Aural, No. 239 |
| Haygood, M. M. | Tifton, No. 47 |
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| Hardeman, John L. | Macon, No. 5 |
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| Holloway, J. T. | Cool Springs, No. 185 |
| Harris, R. E. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| Harrison, J. W. | Harrison, No. 331 |
| Harrison, A. O. | Harrison, No. 331 |
| Harrison, R. L. | Harrison, No. 331 |
| Hubert, Pierce. | Stonewall, No. 470 |
| Harris, Y. A. | McRae, No. 100 |
| Hill, Mervern | W. D. Luckie, No. 89 |
| Hasting, A. W. | Sharon Grove, No. 152 |
| Holton, J. N. F. | Harmony, No. 405 |
| Harrell, S. W. | Millikin's Creek, No. 302 |
| Holliday, Geo. H. | Atlanta, No. 59 |
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| Hollis, R. L. | Mansfield, No. 489 |
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| Heygood, W. B. | Amity, No. 427 |
| Hunter, C. J. | Woodstock, No. 246 |
| Hall, S. B. | Americus, No. 13 |
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| Irwin, J. R. | Philologia, No. 178 |
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| Jackson, G. L. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| Jones, T. S. | Twiggs, No. 164 |
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| Key, J. H. | Ashler, No. 203 |
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| Maxwell, J. L. | Cornelia, No. 92 |
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| Mathis, J. E. | M. B. Council, No. 95 |
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| Morgan, W. A. | Milford, No. 181 |
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| Mitchell, W. H. | Douglasville, No. 289 |
| Morgan, W. R. | Sand Hill, No. 350 |
| Moore, T. P. | Buchanan, No. 78 |
| Millican, W. J. | Carroll, No. 69 |
| Meredith, L. E. | Gainesville, No. 219 |
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| Millican, W. | Jenkinsburg, No. 474 |
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| Martin, S. H. | Sharon Grove, No. 152 |
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| Mosley, B. F. | John H. Jones, No. 348 |
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| McDaniel, W. B. | Faceville, No. 487 |
| McGee, J. B. | Chiple, No. 40 |
| McDonald, J. Y. | Turin, No. 337 |
| McClure, R. N. | Etowah, No. 222 |
| McCurry, J. L. | Hartwell, No. 189 |
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| McDonald, K. M. | Smithville, No. 250 |
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| McClelland, L. F. | Stone Mountain, No. 449 |
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| Neal, J. T. | A. J. Miller, No. 204 |
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| Page, J. H. | Harmony, No. 405 |
| Russell, W. H. | County Line, No. 159 |
| Rutherford, T. R. | Meyerhardt, No. 314 |
| Rainey, B. | Acworth, No. 176 |
| Rockwell, W. S. | Ancient Landmark, No. 231 |
| Rowan, H. S. | Flippen, No. 362 |
| Redfern, R. L. | McDonald, No. 172 |
| Russell, J. W. H. | County Line, No. 159 |
| Ryle, S. J. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Ryle, J. G. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Riggs, J. Q. | Bremen, No. 456 |
| Ragan, W. W. | Waco, No. 332 |
| Ricketson, R. H. | Franklin, No. 11 |
| Raines, J. F. | Tennille, No. 256 |
| Reeves, J. E. | Mobley, No. 277 |
| Stamps, C. I. | Sylvan, No. 429 |
| Stephens, J. R. | Doles, No. 379 |
| Stephens, W. H. | Fort Early, No. 326 |
| Stephens, Henry | Kite, No. 327 |
| Smith, J. R. | Arabi, No. 387 |
| Smith, R. H. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| Solomon, W. W. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Stewart, A. W. | Mill Ray, No. 389 |
| Scott, S. A. | Adrian, No. 370 |
| Stewart, E. R. | Furlow, No. 124 |
| Smith, R. E. | Norman, No. 422 |
| Stroberg, C. F. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Stovall, J. R. B. | Turin, No. 337 |
| Stewart, F. M. | Douglasville, No. 289 |
| Smith, J. C. | Sand Hill, No. 350 |
| Simmons, D. W. | Oostanaula, No. 113 |
| Stroud, W. T. | Siloam, No. 375 |
| Stephens, J. R. | Hartwell, No. 189 |
| Shannon, J. R. | Zabud, No. 175 |
| Sewell, M. D. | Oakwood, No. 425 |
| Stuckey, E. W. | Dexter, No. 340 |
| Stalker, E. T. | Eureka, No. 247 |
| Smith, A. R. | A. M. Wolihin, No. 132 |

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| Smiley, F. L. | Bay View, No. 410 |
| Spann, W. B. | Solomons, No. 1 |
| Segraves, R. B. | Bolton, No. 416 |
| Seals, W. A. | Furlow, No. 124 |
| Stanfield, T. R. | Americus, No. 13 |
| Stovall, J. G. | A. J. Miller, No. 204 |
| Steed, J. A. | Marion, No. 14 |
| Sammon, F. Q. | Lawrenceville, No. 131 |
| Smith, D. L. | Ocoee, No. 201 |
| Standefer, W. B. | Magnolia, No. 86 |
| Smith, C. L. | Union, No. 28 |
| Steinheimer, Isaac | Atlanta, No. 59 |
| Shepherd, G. L. | Albany, No. 24 |
| Smith, John | Gordon, No. 240 |
| Smith, S. E. | Gate City, No. 2 |
| Sitton, H. C. | Oakland, No. 46 |
| Swatts, R. L. | Pinta, No. 88 |
| Sharpe, J. M. | Walesca, No. 57 |
| Smith, R. A. | Zabud, No. 175 |
| Smith, W. H. | S. G. Kent, No. 501 |
| Sheppard, J. A. | Few, No. 321 |
| Strickland, E. F. | St. John the Baptist, No. 184 |
| Smith, T. J. | Lumber City, No. 199 |
| Sikes, W. M. | Worth, No. 194 |
| Sasser, C. F. | Gaulding, No. 215 |
| Tomlinson, W. M. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| Thomas, G. J. | Butler, No. 493 |
| Talmadge, R. S. | Jasper, No. 50 |
| Tolbert, H. S. | Swainsboro, No. 244 |
| Tolbert, J. N. | Morning Star, No. 349 |
| Tyson, J. S. | Solomon's, No. 1 |
| Thornton, J. J. | Patillo, No. 360 |
| Tankerslie, J. S. | Oak Bowery, No. 81 |
| Tilley, R. B. | Mackey, No. 120 |
| Taylor, J. B. | Eastman, No. 279 |
| Taylor, J. W. J. | Strict Observance, No. 18 |
| Thomas, W. H. | Whitesburg, No. 336 |
| Thomas, C. B. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Taylor, R. H. | Griffin, No. 413 |
| Taylor, W. H. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Teasley, O. L. | Primrose, No. 79 |
| Thomason, A. J. | Ashler, No. 203 |
| Utting, R. H. | Hogansville, No. 93 |
| Urquhart, A. P. | Cochran, No. 217 |
| Vickers, C. B. | Fairburn, No. 180 |
| Villee, A. G. | Waycross, No. 305 |

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| Vining, R. E. | Hudson, No. 208 |
| Vaughn, R. H. | Pine View, No. 119 |
| Wages, J. M. | Auburn, No. 230 |
| Walker, W. S. | Mountain, No. 232 |
| Walker, J. J. | Bowdon, No. 206 |
| Williamson, J. T. | Fort Early, No. 226 |
| Wallace, J. B. | Cohutta, No. 64 |
| Warren, Lott | Sycamore, No. 210 |
| Williams, R. T. | Hazlehurst, No. 283 |
| Weaver, J. L. | Holmesville, No. 195 |
| Williams, J. L. | Mt. Hermon, No. 304 |
| Watts, H. D. | Americus, No. 13 |
| Wilson, J. H. L. | Calvin, No. 125 |
| Waldrop, J. M. | Buckhanan, No. 78 |
| Wallace, D. | Gainesville, No. 219 |
| Williford, L. O. | Lavonia, No. 241 |
| Ware, E. A. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Williams, C. H. | Tifton, No. 47 |
| Williams, S. B. | Adel, No. 310 |
| White, H. F. | Dawson, No. 67 |
| Wilson, J. M. | Dacula, No. 433 |
| Whitworth, R. B. | Lawrenceville, No. 131 |
| Weisiger, S. C. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| Wright, Y. A. | St. Johns, No. 45 |
| Walton, S. W. | Arlington, No. 249 |
| Wood, B. L. | Cross, No. 173 |
| Wilson, W. I. | Webb, No. 166 |
| Wilkinson, John R. | Gate City, No. 2 |
| Williams, W. J. | Eastman, No. 279 |
| Wimberly, F. E. | Twiggs, No. 164 |
| White, L. E. | Kivlin, No. 146 |
| Wood, H. M. | Piedmont, No. 447 |
| Wadley, T. M. | Claremont, No. 140 |
| Wood, A. J. | Liberty Hill, No. 308 |
| Whitten, G. W. | Luthersville, No. 236 |
| Walden, J. R. | Harmony, No. 156 |
| Wilby, Frank | Fulton, No. 216 |
| Wells, G. W. | Amity, No. 427 |
| Wight, W. S. | Cairo, No. 299 |
| White, R. P. | Antioch, No. 468 |
| Waits, L. C. | Adamsville, No. 171 |
| Wallace, F. R. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| Wingo, A. H. | Norcross, No. 228 |
| Walker, M. A. | Marshal, No. 188 |
| Wooten, E. N. | Georgia, No. 96 |
| Waitt, Walter D. | Gate City, No. 2 |

| <i>Past Masters</i> | <i>Lodges</i> |
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| Wright, J. F. | Locust Grove, No. 262 |
| Waller, A. W. | McRae, No. 100 |
| Weslosky, M. | Albany, No. 24 |
| Walker, James P. | Western, No. 80 |
| Young, T. H. | Fairburn, No. 180 |
| Young, A. Q. | Luthersville, No. 236 |
| Zackery, A. C. | Buckhead, No. 461 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> |
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| Alabama | James W. Taylor |
| Alberta | A. Q. Moody |
| Arkansas | J. A. Longley |
| Arizona | D. W. Simmons |
| British Columbia | I. Steinheimer |
| California | R. H. Taylor |
| Connecticut | Geo. M. Napier |
| Costa Rica | Thomas H. Young |
| District of Columbia | Oscar E. Dooly |
| England | Max Meyerhardt |
| Florida | W. E. Smith |
| Germany | R. I. Battle |
| Illinois | Thomas J. Carling |
| Indiana | James L. Mayson |
| Indian Territory | James M. Rushin |
| Ireland | W. A. Wolihin |
| Italy | J. D. Hamrick |
| Kansas | Henry Banks |
| Lousiana | Clifford L. Smith |
| Maine | W. B. Kent |
| Maryland | J. S. Gaulding |
| Minnesota | James L. Gilmore |
| Missouri | T. W. Dooley |
| Montana | M. McCormack |
| Nebraska | W. B. Haygood |
| Nevada | S. Scharzweiss |
| New Brunswick | W. G. England |
| New Hampshire | F. M. Chalker |
| New Jersey | W. L. Selman |
| New Mexico | W. J. Nunnally |
| New York | Robert L. Colding |
| North Carolina | Thomas H. Jeffries |
| North Dakota | B. H. Patterson |
| Nova Scotia | E. J. Fuller |
| Ohio | James B. Clements |
| Oregon | Jabez Galt |

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> |
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| Oklahoma..... | J. B. Roberts |
| Prince Edward's Island..... | L. J. Blalock |
| Quebec..... | Y. A. Wright |
| Queensland..... | L. P. Gaines |
| Rhode Island..... | W. B. Chapman |
| Saskatchewan..... | Jno. B. Clarke |
| Saxony..... | J. E. Redwine |
| Scotland..... | Joseph C. Greenfield |
| South Dakota..... | Chas. N. King |
| Western Australia..... | A. G. Villee |
| Tamaulipas..... | J. R. Stephens |
| Tennessee..... | S. E. Berry |
| Texas..... | F. O. Miller |
| Utah..... | Chas. P. Gordon |
| Valley of Mexico..... | J. E. White |
| Victoria..... | R. E. Edwards |
| Virginia..... | Jno. R. Wilkinson |
| Washington..... | R. D. Murrell |
| West Virginia..... | Jno. E. McClelland |

DISTRICT DEPUTIES PRESENT.

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| First District..... | F. H. SAFFOLD |
| Second District..... | D. M. ROGERS |
| Third District..... | L. J. BLALOCK |
| Fourth District..... | W. L. WILLIAMS |
| Fifth District..... | R. A. HENDERSON |
| Sixth District..... | T. J. BROWN |
| Eighth District..... | BERRY T. MOSELEY |
| Ninth District..... | ROBERT McMILLAN |
| Tenth District..... | J. G. TYLER |
| Eleventh District..... | N. H. BALLARD |

READING OF THE MINUTES DISPENSED WITH.

Brother A. Q. Moody offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Communication be dispensed with, as printed copies of the same are in the hands of the delegates.

COURTESY EXTENDED.

Worshipful Brother W. G. England, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good and regular standing in their subordinate Lodges be invited to seats in this Grand Body during the present session as visitors.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master read his annual address :

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M.:

MY BELOVED BRETHREN: The unceasing cycles of Time, obedient to the immutable laws of the Most High, with tireless revolutions have encompassed another year, and the prophecy and promise of October, 1907, have become the realization of October, 1908.

Jehovah's bounteous gift of life has brought us again to the Sacred Temple of Light. Twelve moons have waxed and waned and unfolded their mysteries of life and death, of joy and sorrow, of success and failure.

We, again, are permitted to surround the sacred altar, our tongues attuned to the melody of peace, our souls inspired with emotions of love, our hearts overflowing with filial gratitude, while ascriptions of adoration and praise fill this holy house; I would paraphrase and adopt the prayer of Nehemiah, "O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayer of Thy servants, who desire to fear Thy name; and prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant this day, and grant him grace in the sight of these men."

Each cloudless day, as at high twelve, we stand beneath the effulgent rays of the king of day and behold a whole world lustrous with radiant light, we wonder how a scene so glorious can ever be transformed into darkness. Each day is followed by its night. It is God's well ordered way. That glorious material light illustrated by the sun is but an illumined symbol of the true Light. There is a sphere in which there is no night; in the realms of the soul there is eternal day, all, all is light.

Old Isaiah, who possessed the spirit of an evangelist and the inspiration of a prophet, in the transport of his prophetic vision, saw man in his true position as a son of Light, and sang to the world the joyous song: "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. The sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light."

As Masons, we seek that higher light. With our faces turned toward the eternal source of Light, with hope in humanity and faith in Almighty God, we climb the "toilsome steep" until our feet are firmly set upon the regal heights of the mountain of knowledge. For Masonry, there are no "valleys of the shadows," the ascent is ever upward and onward and the shadows fall only upon the faint-hearted and the slothful, upon him who, forgetful of time and careless of opportunity, loiters by the wayside to enjoy some idle pleasures. "Excelsior" is the battle cry of Masonry. With her mighty hosts marshalled under the banner of Truth,

their eyes turned towards "the mountain from whence cometh her help" she is an intrepid army which neither the evils within nor the foes without can deter.

Her ambitions are laudable, her aims are noble and her aspirations high and holy. Reason sits enthroned, and upon her brow is a coronet of virtue. Vice, immorality, ignorance, superstition, every evil that is a child of darkness, is trampled under her hallowed feet. She stands for and battles for the right; for liberty unrestrained save by the law of right; for the suppression of tyranny of thought or word or deed; for reason against passion and prejudice; for intelligence against ignorance; for tolerance against tyranny; for virtue against vice; for peace and harmony against strife and discord; for love against hate. Within her sacred walls there is no place for bickerings, envy, strife or hatred; there peace and harmony are the pillars of her strength; upon her holy altar rests,

"That Book, that holy Book, on every line
Marked with the seal of high Divinity—
On every leaf bedewed with drops of love
Divine, and with the eternal heraldry
And signature of God Almighty stamped
From first to last,"

as the unerring guide of faith and action to every one who assumes her vows.

A glorious brotherhood, whose foundation is faith and trust in Almighty God. Recognizing His eternal Fatherhood, it becomes the royal house of the King of Heaven, every brother a royal Prince, through whose veins courses the purple blood of his Divine lineage. Matchless Masonry, with her immortal tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, is like Celestial wisdom.

"For she hath treasures greater far,
Than East or West unfold,
More precious are her bright rewards
Than gems or stars of gold;
Her right hand offers to the just
Immortal happy days,
Her left imperishable wealth
And Heavenly crowns displays;

And as her holy labors rise,
So her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace."

Masonry is a progressive science. A builder, not a destroyer. Its mission is to disseminate light, to dispel darkness. It detracts from the sincerity of no man's faith; seeks to interfere with no man's creed. It holds in reverence every man's temple; desecrates no man's altar. It accords to every man the privilege to worship God after the dictates of his own conscience. Its march is ever upward to the full fruition of knowledge. Its hope is to free man from the servile bonds of passion and prejudice, to enthrone reason and secure to man the mastery of himself.

If there is one sentiment that I cherish above all others, it is confidence in the uprightness of purpose and integrity of character of my brethren. Had I not an abiding faith in their strong desire and unswerving purpose to do the right at all times and under every circumstance, my estimate of the Craft would be materially lessened. In this glorious brotherhood of ours, there is no room for unholy ambition, nor that spirit which is satisfied only when it may rule, or, balked in this, it seeks to ruin. In the sacred atmosphere of Masonry, vile suspicion and spiteful envy have no place. The spirit of Masonry is the spirit of confidence, the spirit of trust and, above all, the spirit of love.

None of us are wiser than all the rest. None more faithful, none more earnest, none more true; but the consensus of our wisdom, our faith, our ardor and our fidelity, proclaims the character of Masonry, and illustrates it in the world. Therefore, let your Lodge be the Temple of peace and concord; temper your discussions with the spirit of conciliation; give due credit and respect to convictions and opinions of others; and bestow honor as a reward of merit; and be not slothful in recognizing and recompensing the labor of the faithful, earnest and capable brother.

It is not always true that those who have enjoyed the highest advantages, or who occupy exalted stations in life, are best equipped to promote the interest of the Craft, or are most worthy of its honors.

Masonry has made a working man the hero of its chief legend and the leading patron of its tenets and its principles. He who was thought worthy to consort with kings and enjoy their most sacred secrets, was an humble toiler in the ranks of labor. Truth, honor, fidelity and integrity marked him as a real man, and kings delighted to pay homage to his virtues and proclaim his fame.

This great exemplar of Masonry has been held up as a model for the Craft through many ages; and, although the history of the man is covered in a few brief lines of Holy Writ, the principles which he illustrated in his life are the proud heritage of the noblest Craft of all the earth. All honor to the celebrated artist, the widow's son, the operative Grand Master who sacrificed his life in defense of his integrity.

There are before me today brave men and true, loyal to truth and faithful to every demand of the truest and best manhood, men who illustrate the sentiment and the exhortation in the lines:

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet;
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is kind and sweet.

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn,
 You will gather in flowers again
 The scattered seed from your thought out-bourne
 Though the sowing seemed in vain;

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
 'Tis just what we are and do;
 Then give to the world the best you have,
 And the best will come back to you.

OUR DEAD.

On the 10th day of November, I learned, through the public press of the death of our Right Worshipful Brother, J. H. Estill, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, who died, Nov. 9, 1907.

He had been in failing health for many months, and yet the announcement of his death was a severe shock to the multitude of his brethren who had known and loved him for so many years.

In the absence of any advices from his Lodge or his family as to whether, or not, a Masonic funeral was desired, I wired Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Robert L. Colding, to assume charge, as the representative of the Grand Lodge, and perform such service as was desired by the family.

An Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened, Right Worshipful Robert L. Colding, acting Grand Master, and the solemn funeral ceremonies of our Craft were performed, in the presence of a great concourse of his Masonic brethren and friends.

Thus closed the book of life to one who had left the impress of his sterling nature and accumulated wisdom upon thousands of his fellow citizens.

He was not only a great and successful editor, but an astute man of business and a scholar of deep research.

For five years he was Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, from 1883 to 1888, and voluntarily retired from that exalted station with the full confidence and admiration of his brethren.

His contribution to the literature of the Craft in Georgia, as comprised in his discourse to the Grand Lodge in 1887, on the subject, "The Two Grand Lodges of Georgia," will ever be treasured as a transcript of the real history of Georgia Masonry.

While his punctual attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge had ceased through many years, his lively interest in the Craft never died. He was a pillar of strength in the days that tried men's souls, and freely gave of the vigor and might of his strong life to the cause he loved so well. Let us then

"Pass not on
 Till we have blest his memory, and paid
 Those thanks which God appointed the reward
 Of manly virtue."

Of the five hundred and thirty-one Masters of Lodges, who were elected last December, only one has been reported to me as dead.

The simple fact of his death, only, having been reported to me, I am unable to pay a just tribute to this worthy man and Mason.

Brother Wm. M. Pullen, of Damascus Lodge, No. 263, died on July 29, 1908, after having served his Lodge as its Worshipful Master, consecutively, since 1899. He was modest and unobtrusive in his manner and faithful to the duties life imposed upon him. For eight years he was here among us. He did not proclaim his coming with the sound of trumpet or great parade, but came, represented the interests of his Lodge, enjoyed the association of his brethren, and went his way to cheerfully and courageously perform his duties, until the "silver cord was loosed."

Thus fearlessly before the Supreme Master he stood ready to give the "lost word" that admitted him to the Supreme Grand Lodge.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

The messages come thick and fast from our Sister Jurisdictions, bearing the sad stories of the departed great.

Many of them were not only illustrious in their own Grand Lodges, but their names and fame had spread both far and wide.

We have received the following notices from other Grand Jurisdictions:

August 5, 1907, Past Grand Master James Dunbar, Quebec.

November 15, 1907, Grand Master Joshua B. Thomas, Missouri.

November 22, 1907, Past Grand Master Robt. Bruce Donaldson, District of Columbia.

November 28, 1907, Grand Secretary Hugh Murray, Canada.

December 8, Past Grand Master Geo. Frederick Newcombe, Manitoba.

December 27, Past Grand Master Matthew H. Maynard, Michigan.

January 1, 1908, Past Grand Master John Stewart, New York.

January 8, 1908, Past Grand Master John F. Selby, North Dakota.

January 10, 1908, Grand Master Wm. R. Stubblefield, Missouri.

February 4, 1908, Past Grand Master, Robert M. Carathers, North Dakota.

February 20, 1908, Past Grand Master Dwight Waugh, Connecticut.

February 29, 1908, Past Grand Master Eli Marsh Turner, West Virginia.

March 3, 1908, Past Grand Master Wm. B. Childers, New Mexico.

March 11, 1908, Past Grand Master W. Irving Babcock, Michigan.

May 1, 1908, Junior Grand Warden Henry Byron Baguley, West Virginia.

May 31, 1908, Past Grand Master Elias E. Day, New Mexico.

June 16, 1908, Grand Secretary John Henry Barlow, Connecticut.

July 6, 1908, Past Grand High Priest, Josiah Jernigan, Alabama.

July 7, 1908, Past Grand Master John Gideon Harris, Alabama.

July 16, 1908, Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, Michigan.

August 3, 1908, Past Grand Master Martin H. Rice, Indiana.

August 9, 1908, Past Grand Master John Thomas Irion, Tennessee.
 August 10, 1908, Past Grand Master Thomas Robinson, Manitoba.
 August 27, 1908, Past Grand Master John R. Bellinger, South Carolina.
 September 13, 1908, Deputy Grand Master F. D. Marsh, Louisiana.

"In the Grand Lodge Celestial some gather tonight,
 Who with us the dark pathway have trod;
 Only partial our vision; they walk in the light
 That surroundeth the chosen of God."

DISPENSATIONS.

TO LAY CORNER-STONES.

In this list I do not include those at which I presided in person. They appear in the account of my visitations.

On December 6, 1907, to Worshipful Brother C. A. Adamson, to lay the corner-stone of the Christian Church, at Sandersville.

On December 8, 1907, to Worshipful Brother James L. Mayson, to lay the corner-stone of a school house at Riverdale, Campbell County.

On March 31, 1908, to Worshipful Brother Geo. T. Cann, to lay the corner-stone of Y. M. C. A. building, at Savannah.

On May 2, 1908, to Worshipful Brother J. D. Hamrick, to lay the corner-stone of Zion Lodge, No. 508.

On July 30, 1908, to Worshipful Brother W. R. Power, to lay the corner-stone of Kennesaw Home School at Kennesaw, Cobb County.

On August 14, 1908, to Worshipful Brother O. L. Holmes, to lay the corner-stone of Stewart Baptist Church.

On August 14, 1908, to Worshipful Brother G. A. Matthews, to lay the corner-stone of Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 122.

On September 2, 1908, to Worshipful Brother L. W. Mobley, to lay the corner-stone of school building at Byromville.

On September 9, 1908, to Worshipful Brother Samuel E. Berry, to lay the corner-stone of Eton High School.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Lodges granted charters at the last Grand Lodge were, by proper dispensation, constituted as follows:

November 19, 1907, Midville Lodge, No. 521, by Worshipful H. G. Edenfield.

November 21, 1907, Bogart Lodge, No. 507, by Worshipful T. J. Sikes.

November 21, 1907, Kelly Lodge, No. 514, by Worshipful T. R. Moore.

November 21, 1907, Crest Lodge, No. 506, by Worshipful G. A. Mathews.

November 21, 1907, Chappell Lodge, No. 511, by Worshipful L. H. Chappell.

November 21, 1907, Winston Lodge, No. 522, by Worshipful R. E. Edwards.

November 25, 1907, Spread Lodge, No. 529, by Worshipful Z. T. Thigpen.

November 28, 1907, Martin Lodge, No. 517, by Worshipful H. H. Chandler.

November 28, 1907, Eton Lodge, No. 509, by Most Worshipful T. H. Jeffries.

November 30, 1907, Zingara Lodge, No. 519, by Right Worshipful Geo. M. Napier.

December 2, 1907, J. S. Davitte Lodge, No. 513, by Worshipful W. G. England.

December 3, 1907, Cecil Lodge, No. 516, by Worshipful W. W. Webb.

December 4, 1907, Beach Lodge, No. 520, by Worshipful I. R. Kelley.

December 7, 1907, Dawnville Lodge, No. 510, by Worshipful S. E. Berry.

December 18, 1907, Battle Hill Lodge, No. 523, by Most Worshipful T. H. Jeffries.

December 18, 1907, Alma Lodge, No. 530, by Worshipful B. H. Patterson.

December 18, 1907, Concord Lodge, No. 512, by Worshipful J. C. Boone.

December 18, 1907, Morris Lodge, No. 527, by Worshipful J. V. Smith.

December 23, 1907, Tarrytown Lodge, No. 526, by Worshipful Wm. B. Kent.

December 26, 1907, Brooklet Lodge, No. 525, by Worshipful A. J. Mooney.

December 26, 1907, Lovett Lodge, No. 528, by Worshipful Wm. B. Kent.

December 27, 1907, Omega Lodge, No. 524, by Worshipful J. L. Butler.

June 4, 1908, Subligna Lodge, No. 518, by Worshipful Jno. M. Rose.

January 26, 1908, Bethel Lodge, No. 515, by Worshipful W. T. Williams.

February 18, 1908, Zion Lodge, No. 508, by Worshipful J. D. Hamrick.

NEW LODGES.

November 21, 1907, for new Lodge at Red Hill, Laurens County.

February 4, 1908, for new Lodge at Collins, Tattnall County.

February 10, 1908, for new Lodge at Lucile, Early County.

February 15, 1908, for new Lodge at Madison County.

March 10, 1908, for new Lodge at Bethlehem, Morgan County.

March 10, 1908, for new Lodge at Newton, Baker County.

March 28, 1908, for new Lodge at Blaine, Pickens County.

April 22, 1908, for new Lodge at Penfield, Greene County.

April 28, 1908, for new Lodge at LaGrange, Troup County.

May 8, 1908, for new Lodge at Sweet Gum, Fannin County.

During the year, I have granted the following dispensations, for the purposes named.

I deplore the insistent demand for dispensations to confer degrees out of time. The candidate who receives the degrees without having acquired the proficiency required by law, is hardly a Mason. He is not able to make himself known as such, or to instruct others who are entitled to apply to him for instruction.

TO CONSTITUTE LODGES.

November 13, 1907, to Past Master F. H. Saffold, to constitute Midville Lodge, No. 521.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master B. H. Patterson, to constitute Alma Lodge, No. 530.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master T. J. Sike, to constitute Bogart Lodge, No. 507.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master J. D. Hamrick, to constitute Zion Lodge, No. 508.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master W. G. England, to constitute J. S. Davitte Lodge, No. 513.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master T. R. Moore, to constitute, Kelly Lodge, No. 514.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master W. W. Webb, to constitute Cecil Lodge, No. 516.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master R. E. Edwards, to constitute Winston Lodge, No. 522.

November 15, 1907, to Past Master J. V. Smith, to constitute Morris Lodge, No. 527.

November 18, 1907, to Past Master G. A. Mathews, to constitute Crest Lodge, No. 506.

November 18, 1907, to Past Master L. H. Chappell, to constitute Chappell Lodge, No. 511.

November 21, 1907, to Past Master W. B. Kent, to constitute Lovett Lodge, No. 528.

November 21, 1907, to Past Master H. H. Chandler, to constitute Martin Lodge, No. 517.

November 21, 1907, to Past Master Z. T. Thigpen, to constitute Spread Lodge, No. 529.

November 21, 1907, to Past Master W. B. Kent, to constitute Tarrytown Lodge, No. 526.

November 29, 1907, to Past Master I. R. Kelly, to constitute Beach Lodge, No. 520.

November 29, 1907, to Past Master S. E. Berry, to constitute Dawnville Lodge, No. 510.

November 29, 1907, to Past Master J. C. Boone, to constitute Concord Lodge, No. 512.

December 14, 1907, to Past Master J. L. Butler, to constitute Omega Lodge, No. 524.

December 16, 1907, to Past Master A. J. Mooney, to constitute Brooklet Lodge, No. 525.

December 28, 1907, to Past Master Jno. M. Rose, to constitute Subligna, Lodge, No. 518.

January 21, 1908, to Past Master W. T. Williams, to constitute Bethel Lodge, No. 515.

January 21, 1908, to Right Worshipful Geo. M. Napier, to constitute Zingara Lodge, No. 519.

I constituted Eton Lodge, No. 519, and Battle Hill Lodge, No. 523.

MISCELLANEOUS.

November 7, 1907, to Webb Lodge, No. 166, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

November 12, 1907, to Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 411, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

November 13, 1907, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, to open at 6:30 instead of 7:30 P. M.

November 21, 1907, to Cherokee Lodge, No. 66, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

November 21, 1907, to Worth Lodge, No. 194, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

November 25, 1907, to Ocilla Lodge, No. 374, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

November 29, 1907, to Solomon's Lodge, No. 1, to raise six candidates at one communication.

December 6, 1907, to Lookout Mountain Lodge, No. 445, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

December 6, 1907, to Roger Wood Lodge, No. 438, to hold election December 27, instead of regular time.

December 6, 1907, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to hold election December 10, instead of December 24.

December 9, 1907, to Washington Lodge, No. 19, to confer Master Mason's degree on two candidates out of time.

December 9, 1907, to Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41, to call special communication for extraordinary purpose.

December 12, 1907, to Sycamore Lodge, No. 210, to hold election December 13, instead of December 25.

December 14, 1907, to Kivlin Lodge, No. 146, to hold election December 28.

December 14, 1907, to Social Lodge, No. 1, to hold election December 18.

December 16, 1907, to Ocilla Lodge, No. 374, to hold election December 27, instead of December 13.

December 16, 1907, to Moniac Lodge, No. 432, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

December 17, 1907, to Hudson Lodge, No. 208, to hold election December 27, instead of regular time.

December 17, 1907, to Strict Observance Lodge, No. 18, to hold election December 20, instead of December 24.

December 18, 1907, to Social Lodge, No. 1, to examine, elect and confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

December 18, 1907, to College Park Lodge, No. 454, to hold election January 10, instead of December 27.

December 20, 1907, to Woodbine Lodge, No. 326, to hold election December 27, instead of regular time.

December 23, 1907, to Butler Lodge, No. 493, to elect and confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

December 23, 1907, to W. P. Arnold Lodge, No. 82, to hold election on December 27 or December 30.

December 26, 1907, to Columbian Lodge, No. 7, to install officers December 31.

December 26, 1907, to Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 304, to install officers December 31.

December 26, 1907, to Irwinton Lodge, No. 150, to hold election on December 27.

December 26, 1907, to Locust Grove Lodge, No. 262, to hold election December 27.

December 26, 1907, to Wolihin Lodge, No. 390, to examine and ballot out of time.

January 8, 1908, to Sincerity Lodge, No. 430, to elect a Worshipful Master out of time.

January 10, 1908, to Toombsboro Lodge, No. 290, to hold election.

January 11, 1908, to Waco Lodge, No. 332, to move into new hall.

January 20, 1908, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, to open at 6:30 instead of 7:30 P. M.

January 20, 1908, to Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41, to move into its new hall.

January 27, 1908, to Ezel Lodge, No. 335, to elect and install a Worshipful Master.

January 29, 1908, to Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 6, to move into another hall.

January 30, 1908, to Byromville Lodge, No. 494, to move into another hall.

February 4, 1908, to Royston Lodge, No. 426, to move into another hall.

February 5, 1908, to Primrose Lodge, No. 79, to move into new hall.

February 6, 1908, to West Point Lodge, No. 43, to move into new hall.

February 6, 1908, to Pine View Lodge, No. 119, to install officers at called communication.

February 18, 1898, to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to open Lodge at 6:30 instead of 7:30.

February 25, 1908, to Norcross Lodge, No. 228, to move into new hall.

February 28, 1908, to McDonald Lodge, No. 172, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees on one candidate.

February 28, 1908, to Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 26, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees on one candidate.

February 28, 1908, to Davisboro Lodge, No. 398, to elect and install officers.

March 6, 1908, to Doerun Lodge, No. 151, to elect and install officers.

March 10, 1908, to Clarkesville Lodge, No. 325, to move into new hall.

March 11, 1908, to Mabel Lodge, No. 255, to confer Master Mason's degree on six candidates.

March 13, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to confer Fellow Craft degree on ten candidates.

March 13, 1908, to Pelham Lodge, No. 312, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

March 17, 1908, to Flippen Lodge, No. 362, to elect and install a Worshipful Master.

March 20, 1908, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to confer Fellow Craft degree on six candidates.

March 24, 1908, to Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41, to confer Entered Apprentice degree on more than five candidates.

March 24, 1908, to Nicholls Lodge, No. 400, to form procession and attend Divine worship.

March 24, 1908, To Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Fellow Craft degree on more than five candidates.

March 25, 1908, to Euharlee Lodge, No. 457, to move into new hall.

March 25, 1908, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, to meet at 6:30 instead of 7:30 P. M.

March 27, 1908, to Cartersville Lodge, No. 63, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees at one communication on one candidate.

March 31, 1908, to Cambden Lodge, No. 476, to elect and install officers.

March 31, 1908, to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to open at 7:00 instead of 8:00 P. M.

April 1, 1908, to Whitford Lodge, No. 101, to elect and install Junior Warden and Junior Deacon.

April 2, 1908, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to confer Master Mason's degree on seven candidates.

April 6, 1908, to Generous Warren Lodge, No. 20, to move into new hall.

April 14, 1908, to Coweta Lodge, No. 60, to form procession to attend Divine worship.

April 14, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to confer Master Mason's degree on six candidates.

April 21, 1908, to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, to read and act upon application for affiliation at same time.

April 27, 1908, to Smith Lodge, No. 223, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

April 27, 1908, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on nine candidates.

May 1, 1908, to Whitesburg Lodge, No. 336, to elect and install a Secretary.

May 7, 1908, to Cherokee Lodge, No. 66, to confer Master Mason's degree on two candidates out of time.

May 8, 1908, to Hiram Lodge, No. 21, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

May 11, 1908, to Sparta Lodge, No. 442, to receive a petition at called communication.

May 11, 1908, to Americus Lodge, No. 13, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 12, 1908, to LaFayette Lodge, No. 23, to move into new hall.

May 15, 1908, to Caledonia Lodge, No. 121, to form procession for Divine worship.

May 15, 1908, to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to meet at 7:00 instead of 8:00 P. M.

May 18, 1908, to Sardis Lodge, No. 107, to elect and confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 20, 1908, to Sincerity Lodge, No. 430, to elect and confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 20, 1908, to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, to confer Master Mason's degree on seven out of time.

May 21, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to meet at 7:00 instead of 8:00 P. M.

May 21, 1908, to Pine Level Lodge, No. 353, to move into new hall.

May 25, 1908, to Cornelia Lodge, No. 92, to move into new hall.

May 25, 1908, to Ocilla Lodge, No. 374, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 2, 1908, to Tifton Lodge, No. 47, to confer the three degrees upon one candidate at one time.

June 1, 1908, to Canton Lodge, No. 77, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 3, 1908, to Baber Lodge, No. 123, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 12, 1908, to Folkston Lodge, No. 196, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

June 18, 1908, to Western Lodge, No. 91, to confer the three degrees on one candidate at one time.

June 19, 1908, to Bolton Lodge, No. 416, to celebrate St. John's Day, June 27.

June 23, 1908, to Thaggard Lodge, No. 460, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 23, 1908, to Cross Lodge, No. 173, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 23, 1908, to Clarkesville Lodge, No. 325, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 29, 1908, to Elm Lodge, No. 495, to move into new hall.

July 6, 1908, to Screven Lodge, No. 368, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

July 3, 1908, to W. D. Luckie Lodge, No. 89, to confer Entered Apprentice degree on six candidates.

July 7, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to meet at 7:00 instead of 8:00 P. M.

July 7, 1908, to Cherokee Lodge, No. 66, to ballot for and confer Master Mason's degree without examination.

July 7, 1908, to Thomasville Lodge, No. 369, to confer Entered Apprentice degree on two candidates.

July 7, 1908, to Thomasville Lodge, No. 369, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

July 17, 1908, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to confer Entered Apprentice on more than five candidates.

July 20, 1908, to Cordelia Lodge, No. 296, to move into new hall.

July 21, 1908, to Griffin Lodge, No. 413, to move into a new hall.

August 3, 1908, to Coweta Lodge, No. 60, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

August 11, 1908, to Lithonia Lodge, No. 84, to examine, ballot and confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

August 11, 1908, to Lithonia Lodge, No. 84, to hold meeting in Institute Hall.

August 13, 1908, to Lindale Lodge, No. 445, to move into new hall.

August 14, 1908, to Madison Lodge, No. 376, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

August 17, 1908, to Tate Lodge, No. 485, to move into another hall.

August 18, 1908, to Western Lodge, No. 91, to move into new hall.

August 12, 1908, to Mount Hope Lodge, No. 9, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

August 20, 1908, to Folkston Lodge, No. 196, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees on one candidate.

August 28, 1908, to Damascus Lodge, No. 263, to elect Worshipful Master, the Master having died.

August 25, 1908, to Social Lodge, No. 1, to examine, ballot and confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

August 25, 1908, to Metcalf Lodge, No. 496, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

August 31, 1908, to Swainsboro Lodge, No. 244, to confer Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

September 10, 1908, to Bail Ground Lodge, No. 261, to hold meeting in Odd Fellow's Hall.

September 10, 1908, to Sale City Lodge, No. 472, to open at 9:00 A. M. instead of 2 P. M.

September 11, 1908, to White House Lodge, No. 392, to confer the three degrees on one candidate.

September 22, 1908, to Washington Lodge, No. 359, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

September 24, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to meet at 7:00 instead of 8:00 P. M.

September 24, 1908, to Meigs Lodge, No. 459, to move into new hall.

October 6, 1908, to Smith Lodge, No. 223, to move into new hall.

October 6, 1908, to Mt. Olive Lodge, 122, to move into new hall.

October 7, 1908, to Alapaha Lodge, No. 209, to move into new hall.

October 12, 1908, to Newton Lodge, under dispensation, to move into new hall.

October 12, 1908, to Ellerslie Lodge, No. 144, to move to Midland.

October 12, 1908, to Folkston Lodge, No. 196, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

October 12, 1908, to Milltown Lodge, No. 434, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

October 21, 1908, to Solomon Lodge, No. 1, to receive application, ballot and confer Master Mason's degree at a called communication.

October 24, 1908, to Camden Lodge, No. 476, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA.

| <i>State</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Town</i> |
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| Arkansas | J. A. Longley | Dalton |
| Arizona | D. W. Simmons | Rome |
| California | R. H. Taylor | Griffin |
| Canada | R. A. Henderson | Atlanta |
| Delaware | H. L. Culbertson | Amity |
| District of Columbia | Oscar E. Dooly | Macon |
| England | Max Meyerhardt | Rome |
| Florida | W. E. Smith | Atapulcus |
| Idaho | J. J. Nunnally | Monroe |
| Iowa | Jno. R. Dickey | Atlanta |
| Kentucky | J. R. Irwin | Conyers |
| Louisiana | Clifford L. Smith | LaGrange |
| Maine | W. B. Kent | Mt. Vernon |
| New South Wales | L. A. Perdue | Newnan |
| Oregon | Jabez Galt | Canton |
| South Dakota | Chas. N. King | Spring Place |
| Tamaulipas | J. R. Stephens | Hartwell |
| Valley of Mexico | J. E. White | Thompson |
| Vermont | Paul F. Akin | Cartersville |
| Virginia | Jno. R. Wilkinson | Atlanta |
| West Virginia | Jno. E. McClelland | Stone Mountain |
| Wyoming | A. G. Viller | Waycross |
| Saskatchewan | Jno. B. Clarke | Eastman |

VISITATIONS.

I have broken the record this year in the matter of visitations. So far have I yielded to the invitations that have been so generously accorded me, that a certain good lady has said, "My husband is one-quarter husband and three-quarters Mason."

The highest record heretofore made, so far as I have been able to compute, has been sixteen official visitations for the year. Since the first day of last November, I have made more than forty official visitations.

In doing so, I traveled more than six thousand miles. These visits have reached every section of the State, from North to South and from East to West. They have been devoted largely to the smaller towns and country places, generally where conventions, or some public functions, were held and the Master Mason's degree conferred afterward. I have delivered public addresses at many of these meetings and have sought to show to the public the real aim and aspirations of the Craft, and to magnify the ideals of Masonry as a progressive moral science practically applied to human conduct and human character, out of which has grown, and is growing, an ideal brotherhood; one which fulfills the fancy of the idealist and yet, so impregnated with the practice of real virtue, that it provokes the wonder and commands the admiration of the most severe rationalist.

These numerous visits have been a personal delight to me, though often at the sacrifice of valuable time, and some personal inconvenience.

The universally cordial greetings I have met, the numberless courtesies that have been shown me, the radiant eyes that reflected the glow of loving hearts that met me on every hand, filled my soul to unutterable fullness of gratitude and sincere thankfulness.

In the large number of public ceremonies I have been called upon to perform, and the private work I have been asked to do, there has never failed me a man to render his utmost assistance.

I will not occupy your time, or space in our records, to call each by name who has rendered me invaluable help in my work nor will I be invidious by distinction; therefore, I shall record no names, but avouch to you, my brethren, and to the Craft, that never Master had more faithful, loyal, intelligent and loving laborers than those who have come to my aid during the year.

On November 5, I visited Cedartown, in Polk County, and assisted in the formation of a County Convention.

Many brethren of the various Polk County Lodges were present and the Convention was organized under most auspicious circumstances.

The brethren of Caledonia Lodge were the hosts at a most excellent barbecue. Many courtesies were bestowed upon your Grand Master and the day was altogether a most pleasant and profitable one.

On November 12, I met with the District Deputies, at the Masonic Temple, in Atlanta.

On November 14, I laid the corner-stone of Appling County court house and delivered a public address to a large number of Appling County citizens. My brethren of Holmesville Lodge showed me every consideration of kindness and honor.

On November 16, I laid the corner-stone of a new Methodist church at Lavonia, in Franklin County, and made a public address to a large and appreciative audience. A bounteous basket dinner was spread, and the Church and Masonry had a great day together at Lavonia.

On November 18, I accepted an invitation to visit West Point Lodge, at West Point, and conferred the Master Mason's degree in the presence

of the large membership of the Lodge and many visitors who graced the occasion by their presence.

Your Grand Master was received with the private Grand Honors and shown many polite considerations. After the work was over, a delightful banquet was spread and many happy speeches made.

On November 28, I constituted Eton Lodge, No. 509, at Eton, in Murray County, and delivered a public address to the assembled Masons and their families, and to the pupils who were in attendance upon the High School, located at that place. Here, too, my old friends of good old Murray, brought together the fatness of the land and a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all.

On December 5, I laid the corner-stone of the magnificent Masonic Temple of Cordelia Lodge, assisted by brethren of many neighboring Lodges. Here I made a public address, and, later on, conferred the Master Mason's degree in the presence of a large number of the brethren.

On December 12, I visited old Golden Fleece, No. 6, at Covington, and conferred the Master Mason's degree, and enjoyed a delightful banquet with the brethren. The many courtesies shown me, and the excellent assistance in the work accorded me, made the visit a most enjoyable one.

On December 31, I joined old Ocean Lodge, at Brunswick, in the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary. I was received with Grand Honors. Installed the officers of the Lodge in the afternoon. At night, in the Opera House, I was introduced to and addressed a magnificent audience of Brunswick people. Many kindnesses were showered upon me by the brethren of Ocean Lodge. I saw the city and its precincts from a rapidly speeding auto, and enjoyed an oyster roast, while I looked across the "Marshes of Glynn."

On January 1, I laid the corner-stone of the Hahira school building. The occasion was a great gathering of Masons and Veterans. Most Worshipful James W. Taylor, Past Grand Master, was the Orator of the Veterans and charmed them and their friends with the magic of his enthusiastic eloquence. I delivered a public address in connection with the corner-stone laying. A sumptuous barbecue was spread and thousands feasted that New Year day.

On January 2, I met with the Executive Committee of the Home.

On January 28, I laid the corner-stone of the Harris County court house. Our venerable brother, Dr. Taylor, was the orator of the day, and right well did he deport himself, considering that a gentle shower pattered upon his glowing pate and trickled down his flowing beard. I was also called upon for a public address in the old court house, after the shower had driven the courageous doctor and his audience to shelter, where he finished his address in the midst of mighty ovation. In the old Temple of Justice, the good women spread a repast fit for the gods. The brethren were exceedingly kind to us.

February 6, upon invitation, I conferred the Master Mason's degree in the elegant new Temple of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41, at Decatur.

Here I was received with every courtesy and honor due your Grand Master.

February 7, by special invitation, I conferred the Master Mason's degree in Palestine Lodge, No. 486. The officers and members of this young Lodge were lavish in the courtesies and honors bestowed upon me.

On February 14, I laid the corner-stone of the Seventh District Agricultural College, at McLand, in Cobb County.

I had as my assistants on this occasion the Active Worshipful Masters of practically every Masonic Lodge in Cobb County. The State School Commissioner, a worthy Mason, was the orator of the day. He acquitted himself gloriously. A bountiful barbecue completed the occasion.

On February 27, I was present at the Tri-County Convention, at Dalton. Made a public address at the court House, and met with the Convention in its business session.

This, to me, was a most joyous day, for I was among the friends and brethren of long ago, and in a Convention where I would have been a member had I remained affiliated with my mother Lodge.

March 3, I visited Lawrenceville Lodge, No. 131, where I was received with honors due my office. I conferred the Master Mason's degree and spent a most pleasant and profitable evening with the brothers of this flourishing Lodge.

March 9, I was the guest of Norcross Lodge, and was accorded every dignity and honor due to my station. I conferred the Master Mason's degree and addressed the Lodge in support of their enterprise of building a new Temple.

March 28, I enjoyed the pleasure of a visit to Acworth Lodge, and conferred the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees during the evening. Here, too, the brethren conspired together to show honor to the office of Grand Master, and showered courtesies upon me personally.

April 21, I accepted an invitation to visit Meridian Sun Lodge, at Griffin. Upon special invitation of the Lodge, brethren C. E. Hall, Past Master; Walter D. Waite, Worshipful Master; and John Gilmore, Junior Warden of Gate City Lodge, No. 2, accompanied me and assisted in the work of conferring the Master Mason's degree. This old Lodge, with a proud history behind it, is still illustrating Masonry, and knows how to bestow honor upon whom honor is due.

On May 7, in company with Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Henry Banks, I paid a visit to the Seventh District Convention. We were received with the distinguished honors of the Craft, by a host of loyal Masons, presided over by our inimitable Past Grand Master, Max Meyerhardt. We were invited to, and did briefly, address the Convention. Beside the glad welcome of brotherly love with which we were greeted, the great crowd was invited to one of old Cherokee's incomparable banquets. Enough said.

On June 6, I was the invited guest of Nelms Lodge, at Smyrna. I was accorded the proper honors, and invited to address the Lodge. After many happy voluntary remarks, a nice supper was enjoyed by the large number present.

On June 12, assisted by Right Worshipful Henry Banks, and others, I laid the corner-stone of Elm City Lodge Hall, and afterward, delivered a public address at the Episcopal Chapel, to a large and appreciative audience. The laying of this corner-stone was a most unique circumstance, because the Lodge has not yet been granted a charter.

On June 13, I visited Springville Lodge, No. 153, at Powder Springs, and conferred the Master Mason's degree, and was received with honors befitting my rank.

June 16, I was the honored guest of Columbian Lodge, at Columbus. I was met at the train, conveyed to the magnificent new Temple, and there received with distinguished honors by the Masters of both, Mt. Hermon and Columbian Lodges, and many members of the Craft in Columbus. After conferring the Entered Apprentice degree, the Lodge was closed and the brethren invited to a joyous banquet at the Rankin House. Here your Grand Master was introduced and made an after dinner speech. Many charming talks were made at the festal board, and the evening was altogether a most delightful one.

On June 24, I was greeted, at Douglasville, by the most inspiring audience that it has been my pleasure to face. The occasion was the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Douglas County had turned out, and the brethren from the neighboring counties invited in. I made the best speech I knew how, after Worshipful Brethren T. J. Lumpkin, of Dade, and James L. Mayson, of Atlanta, had concluded. The great crowd accepted an invitation to the grove hard by, where a most bountiful barbecue and basket dinner was served by the ladies. In the afternoon, I conferred the Master Mason's degree, assisted by the brethren from the surrounding Lodges. A glorious day, gloriously spent.

On July 3, I, with our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Henry Banks, paid a visit to Heard County Convention, at Corinth, in Heard County. A most beautiful village, in a county without a foot of railroad in it, is Corinth. Here the Masons of the County, their families and friends, were gathered in great numbers. The program was: Convention; procession to the Methodist Church, where both, your Deputy and your Grand Master, were asked to speak; a sumptuous basket dinner, with enough for all, and to spare; the Convention and its business; then the saying of happy farewells and the meditations upon a day happily and profitably spent.

July 9, under the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at Clayton, in Rabun County, I met with the Ninth District Convention. After the sessions of the Convention were concluded, (and I only arrived the second day,) I, assisted by the members of the Convention, laid the corner-stone of Rabun County court house. Then came a mountain thunder storm, an excellent barbecue, and, finally, a public address in the old court house, by the Grand Master.

On July 15 and 16, together with Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Henry Banks, I was the honored guest of the Eleventh District Convention, at Brunswick. Here was a large attendance from the Dis-

trict. Several of the District Deputies were present. The work of the Convention was successfully transacted. On the night of the 15th, with your Grand Master in the East, and your Deputy Grand Master in the West, and other stations filled by members of the Board of District Deputies, the Master Mason's degree was conferred. The Convention concluded its labors on the 16th, at St. Simons Island. A most delightful feature of the visit to the Island was a sea food dinner, provided by the brethren of Ocean Lodge. Your Deputy and Grand Master both made brief addresses, at St. Simons.

On the night of July 17, I visited Orion Lodge, No. 8, at Bainbridge, and was received with every appropriate courtesy and honor. I addressed the Lodge briefly, and listened to some most delightful and helpful talks from the brethren. The next day, with the assistance of the brethren from neighboring Lodges, I laid the corner-stone of the handsome new Methodist Church. I owe much of the pleasure of this visit to my elegant host and hostess, Brother and Mrs. John Callahan.

On July 24, I visited San Marino Lodge, No. 34, at Greensboro, where I was accorded a cordial welcome and distinguished honor. I delivered a short public address, in the court house, enjoyed a good barbecue at the Park, and, after dinner, conferred the Master Mason's degree, in the Lodge room.

July 29, I was present at the Sixth District Convention, held at Forsyth. A large attendance of delegates graced the Convention. The public exercises were held in the County court house, where I addressed a large audience of appreciative hearers. A bountiful barbecue was spread in a cotton warehouse. In the afternoon session of the Convention, assisted by members of the Convention, I conferred the Master Mason's degree. The Convention was a most harmonious and successful one.

On August 5, I was the guest of the Jasper County Convention, at Monticello. The Masons of the county had turned out, practically, in a body. The public exercises were conducted in the handsome new court house, which was filled to overflowing. I made a public address, upon the obligations of Masonry, dispatched a good dinner in the beautiful wood, where was spread the great feast, and rushed away to catch a coming train.

On August 8, because there is no railroad in that county, I accepted the courtesy of Worshipful Brother Chas. E. Hall, and proceeded with him, in his automobile, to visit Alpharetta Lodge, No. 235, at Alpharetta, Milton County. I was received with becoming honors, and after the Fellow Craft degree had been conferred, I, assisted by the brethren, conferred the Master Mason's degree upon two most appreciative candidates. After the work was a joyous banquet at the hotel. Many visiting brethren participated in this most enjoyable meeting.

August 12 was the occasion of the meeting of the Fifth District Convention, at Lithonia. I missed the evening session of the first day, when the degrees were conferred, on account of a rebellious automobile.

Enjoyed the second day of the Convention. Made public address at the Baptist Church, to a great crowd. The barbecue was bounteous.

On August 14, I visited Royston Lodge, in Franklin County. Was received with great honor, and with the assistance of the Masters and Past Masters of the neighboring Lodges, conferred the Master Mason's degree.

August 19, I was the guest of Jno. H. Felts Lodge, at Norwood. Public exercises were conducted in the Methodist Church. The Thomson Royal Arch Band discoursed sweet music, a rare and exquisite treat to the audience. I delivered the public address. An excellent barbecue had been prepared, and to this, justice was done. In the afternoon, I conferred the Master Mason's degree, with the assistance of District Deputy J. G. Tyler, and the brethren. I enjoyed the hospitality of the good brethren of Norwood very much.

On August 21, in company with a full team from the officers of Gate City Lodge, and by their assistance, I visited Kennesaw Lodge, at Marietta, and conferred the Master Mason's degree on a most appreciative candidate.

Having received a most urgent and cordial invitation to visit and deliver an address at the Calhoun County Conference, at Anniston, Ala., on August 27, I determined to accept, and did. I was most cordially received by the Conference, which was presided over by Most Worshipful Grand Master Hugh Mallory, of Alabama, and was accorded every honor to which my office is entitled. The brothers of Anniston exerted themselves to the uttermost to make pleasant my visit. A view of the city and surrounding country was given by auto, in company with that most companionable and lovable brother, the Grand Master. At the court house, a large number of Masons and townspeople met, and public addresses were delivered by Grand Master Mallory and myself. The memory of this, my first Masonic visit out of the State, will linger with me long, and be ever a source of delight.

On October 6, I visited East Point Lodge and conferred the Master Mason's degree. The Lodge received me with due honor and gave me a most cordial welcome.

October 9, I visited Fairburn Lodge, No. 180, and delivered a public address at the Baptist Church. I was most cordially greeted and hospitably entertained. At the end of my speech, a beautiful maid, laden with a mammoth bouquet of perfect roses, advanced from the audience, and presented me the blossoms in the name of Fairburn Lodge. Here the curtain is drawn.

October 14, I attended the Tenth District Convention, at Tennille. Was most cordially and courteously received and entertained by the brothers, and the sisters of the Eastern Star.

I made a public address and witnessed the conferring of the Fellow Craft degree by District Deputy Tyler, and at night, conferred the Master Mason's degree, by the assistance of the members of the Convention.

DECISIONS.

An endless stream of inquiries have poured in upon me during the

year, asking for decisions upon an infinite number of questions. Most of these were easily answered by reference to our law.

While sometimes an onerous task, it has proven, withal, a pleasant one, to discuss with the brethren the interpretation and application of our, well nigh, complete and wholesome laws.

1. Has a Masonic Lodge a right to go in with another secret order to build a hall?

Yes, provided the other secret order is a charitable or benevolent institution, based upon such moral principles that by association, it would not bring discredit upon our Ancient Craft.

2. A candidate must stand an examination in open Lodge, upon his proficiency in the preceding degree, before he can apply for advancement to the succeeding degree.

The Lodge cannot waive the examination even if his proficiency is vouched for by the brother who posted the candidate.

3. I have been asked if a Mason can engage in the sale of "near beer."

"Near beer" being a relative term, and not being familiar with the constituency of "near beer," I decided:

No Mason may lawfully engage in the sale or barter, for valuable consideration, either directly or indirectly, or give away to induce trade at any place of business, or keep or furnish at any other public places, or manufacture, or keep on hand at his place of business, any alcoholic, spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors or intoxicating bitters or other drinks, which, if drunk to excess, or if drunk at all, will produce intoxication. Provided this shall not apply to licensed druggists selling for medical or scientific purposes only, as provided by the laws of the State of Georgia.

4. A man who can read, but cannot write, except to sign his name, is not eligible for admission.

5. The evidence of a profane in a Lodge trial, is inadmissible, if not sworn to.

A Worshipful Master, presiding at a trial, who admitted, as evidence, the unsworn testimony of a profane, committed error in so admitting it.

MASONIC CODE.

The supply of the Masonic Code, adopted October, 1902, has been exhausted, and it is now necessary to print a new edition, in order to be able to furnish the new Lodges with the law, and to meet the demand of the brethren for the Code.

Since the Code was issued, several changes have been made in the laws, some new ones adopted, and decisions approved by the Grand Lodge.

I, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to make the necessary revision of the Code, bringing it up to date, and that the committee do this work as expeditiously as possible, so that the Grand Secretary may have it printed for distribution at the earliest possible time after the close of this Grand Lodge.

It is of great importance to the Craft that the law be as universally disseminated as possible.

In this connection, I desire to commend to the Masons of Georgia the last edition of Akin's Manual, containing all of the public ceremonies, the monitorial work of the several degrees, besides a complete revised Code of the laws up to, and including, the sessions of 1907, of this Grand Lodge. The Masonic Herald has the exclusive sale of this important work, which bears the commendation and approval of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. I wish every Mason in Georgia was not only the owner of one of these books, but the master of what it contains.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

During the past year, I have wrought in perfect harmony with the District Deputies. They have met together oftener than heretofore, and, more than once, have held their meetings with one of the District Conventions, and have exemplified the work to the great benefit of the brethren present.

They have studied the work assiduously, and are seeking to promulgate a uniform work, which to my mind, although varying in some minor particulars from the work heretofore done in some sections of the State, is the true conception of the work in the several degrees, and, particularly, the conception and rendition of the legend of the third degree.

Removing the inconsistencies so apparent in the work of some Lodges, the Deputies are recommending a work practically above criticism, so simple that the weakest Lodges may successfully put it on, and yet so strong that it appeals to the reason as well as the æsthetic taste of the wisest workers in the Craft.

With much sacrifice of time and labor, with zeal and intelligence, they have wrought in every section of the State, seeking to magnify the office which they hold, and have filled the old men with delight and inspired the young to noble endeavor in the task of making uniform the work in Georgia.

I know, as each of you know, that under the present system, and with the restricted powers conferred upon the District Deputies, and especially, when they are changed annually, it is, and ever will be, impossible to secure absolute and universal uniformity in the work throughout the State.

Would it not be better to reduce their number, fix the tenure of office at three years, at least, and increase their powers in enforcing the work they seek to promulgate? My own opinion is, from a close observance of their work, that the Craft is amply repaid for the outlay in maintaining the Board of District Deputies. However, I am persuaded, that, if greater care was exercised in their selection, and a longer tenure of office guaranteed to them, and further power granted them to enforce their work, that a few years would work a vast improvement in both the character and uniformity of the work done in the State. Let your thoughts be seriously upon this question of such vital importance to the Craft.

To each of the Deputies, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the many courtesies shown me during the year, and for the willing and invaluable assistance they have rendered me in my labors.

On August 13, Worshipful Brother W. B. Stubbs tendered his resignation as District Deputy for the First District, because of his removal from the State of Georgia.

I accepted his resignation with deep regret, for he was not only an ornament to the Board of Deputies, and in full sympathy and accord with its work, but his profound religious convictions, his reputation as a wise Free Mason, and his power as an orator, made him a tower of strength in every assembly of his brethren.

As required by law, I immediately appointed his successor, in the person of Worshipful Brother F. H. Saffold, whose experience and admirable fitness for the position commended him to me. His tenure of office ends with this Grand Lodge, and his successor will be chosen by the brethren of the First District.

OAK BOWERY LODGE.

On September 25, I issued an order suspending the charter of Oak Bowery Lodge, No. 81, located at Ellijay, in the County of Gilmer, for, what to me seemed, sufficient cause.

In suspending this charter I exercised the prerogative in me vested, and did not suspend the members of said Lodge from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

My action, in suspending this charter, was based upon an elaborate complaint signed by many members of the Lodge, and some who had dimitted from the Lodge, and a number of communications from brethren of other Lodges, who claimed to have knowledge of the conditions as they existed in Oak Bowery Lodge.

The complaint, and my orders pertaining to it, are herewith submitted to this Grand Lodge for its action.

I recommend that this matter be referred, either to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, or to a Special Committee to be raised, for the purpose of investigating the complaint.

A copy of the complaint was served upon the Lodge, and in my order, the Lodge is required to show cause at this Grand Communication why the suspension should not be made permanent.

Of all my acts as Grand Master, this has been the most sorrowful I have been called upon to perform.

THE HOME.

Yonder upon that hill, above the winding river, stands the Mecca of Masonry. The place toward which every eye is turned, the place where every Mason feels he has an abiding interest, a sacred trust. It is our Home. The home whose foundations were laid in love of humanity, whose walls were erected by the sacrifices of the hands of pity, whose cap-stone was placed with songs of rejoicing, and whose dedication was baptized by the sympathetic tears of the great family of Masonry of Georgia.

No Mason looks toward it without an emotion of joy at its completion, no Mason thinks upon it without a swelling pride that he, in part, is responsible for its existence, none meditate upon it without a sense of gratitude to the thoughtful minds, the loving hearts, the willing hands and ready purses that gave it to the Craft, a home of refuge, a shelter of peace, for the way worn and weary, the destitute and helpless, the fatherless and the widow.

The Home, under the faithful superintendence of Brother A. S. Harris, and the cheerful loving assistance of his devoted wife, has been made a home in deed and truth. No pen can ever portray, no brush can ever picture, no tongue can ever tell the real truth of the love and sacrifice they have brought to their labors; and when the Craft has paid them the utmost farthing of its material indebtedness, there will remain a debt of gratitude upon which they may draw interest through the eternal years. The Home has been managed as economically, during the past year, as was possible, to give real home comforts to the inmates, and yet the expense, per capita, has been very high.

Some imperative improvements have been made which have materially increased the expenses.

There are now within the Home, nine adult females, five adult males, eleven girls and nine boys, making a family of thirty-four, the largest in the history of the Home. The old and decrepid are nourished and cherished as becomes their condition in life. Those who are able to perform some labor are required to do what they reasonably may. The children are sent to school in the city, during the school term, and at home, are required to perform such reasonable tasks as children are called upon to perform in a well regulated home. The family is as happy and content as the average family.

With many applications for admission to the Home, and the exacting care and discrimination required in admitting applicants, the labors of the Executive Committee of your Board of Trustees is exceedingly onerous. All honor and praise is due to Brothers J. W. Taylor, T. D. Walker and T. J. Carling, who have so faithfully performed their duties during the past year. They have not only been faithful, but absolutely untiring in their efforts to perform every duty devolving upon them. Dr. Taylor, by common consent, has assumed the relation of *pater noster* to the Home, and Dr. Walker, with loving insistency, follows in the paternal footsteps of the older physician; while Tom Carling, great hearted, generous, philanthropic, wise, Tom Carling, with an eye to the practical and a heart for the sentimental, is ever on the alert to build up, beautify and sweeten the Home. As an illustration of his unselfishness, when he was appointed to the Board and made its Secretary and Treasurer, he refused to accept the \$300 emolument of the office. It is needless to say, I allowed him to decline the salary and accept the office.

Our Home is good as far as it goes, but, my brethren, it is inadequate to our needs. We need more room for those who are entitled to admission under our present rules. We need to broaden our rules of

admission and grant benefits to others who are needy and entitled to our friendly consideration.

There must be an addition to the entertaining capacity of the Home. We must adequately provide for those who are dependent upon us. In my opinion, the very first surplus accumulating in the treasury of this Grand Lodge should be devoted to the enlargement of the Home. This was the original purpose, and comprehended in the plans of the foundation of the Home. Lay your heads and hearts to it; and see that this work is accomplished first of all. Let economy be your watchword and, with an eye single upon this purpose, let it be done.

We are under obligation to the Grand Chapter again for a munificent gift of a thousand dollars for this year, and the promise of another thousand to assist in the erection of a school room and work shop on the grounds.

Consider well the reports of your Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of the Home, as they will give you a clearer insight into the details of the conduct of the institution.

GRAND LODGE TEMPLE.

At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge the Committee on Grand Lodge Temple reported, in part, as follows:

1. "That we deem it desirable to erect a building which shall be devoted entirely to Grand Lodge purposes, and to the uses of Free Masonry.

2. "That a committee be appointed to purchase, as soon as may be practicable, a lot in the City of Macon, suitable for the site of such a building.

3. "That the erection of the said building be deferred until such time as the surplus in the Grand Lodge treasury, together with such amount as can be obtained from the sale of our present Temple building, will be sufficient for the erection of such a building as will be adequate to the needs of our Order, and which will reflect credit and honor upon Georgia Masonry.

4. "That said committee be authorized to secure tentative building plans to submit to the consideration of this Grand Lodge."

The original committee was retained by the Grand Lodge, the name of the Grand Master being added as Chairman.

I have not seen fit to call a meeting of this committee during the year for the reason that, it has not been practicable to purchase a lot such as would be satisfactory to this Grand Lodge, and for the further reason that it is needless to secure tentative plans for a building so far in advance of the possibility of a building.

The surplus in our treasury, after providing for the expenses of the Grand Lodge session, the maintenance of the Home, and the fixed and incidental expenses of the current year, was so meager, that the proposition to invest in a vacant lot, only a part of the purchase price of which could be paid, was unthinkable.

The disturbed conditions of the country's finances, immediately after the last Grand Lodge, appalled the most conservative financiers, and deterred the most adventurous from taking risks at all.

To have obtained a lot would have involved the Grand Lodge in debt, a condition so hateful to the Grand Lodge, because of its bitter experience under the burdensome load of one, through so many years, that the bravest of us shudder at the very thought. Personally, I am unalterably and eternally opposed to this Grand Lodge ever assuming another debt, whatever the pretence, thereby transmitting to posterity a heritage both loathsome and grievous to bear. I am, on this subject, in perfect accord with the sentiment expressed by my illustrious predecessor in this high office, when, in his first allocution to this Grand Lodge, he said, "Let us guard our treasury. Let not one cent be wasted. Let us not indulge in extravagance. Let us remember the past, with its heavy load of debt. Let every dollar be put to good and noble uses. And above all, let us never, under any circumstances or for any purpose, anticipate our income by going into debt. To this end, whether as Grand Master or as a private in your ranks, I pledge my most earnest efforts and my most devoted endeavors."

The sentiment here expressed is noble and wise, the conclusion ad-duced from a bitter experience in this Grand Lodge.

We must have a new Temple, one adequate to every need of the Grand Lodge and commensurate with the dignity of the Craft in Georgia; a magnificent Temple, with every appointment to subserve the comfort of every member and expedite the business of this Grand Lodge.

Let us, therefore, put our hands and heads and hearts together to devise some plan whereby we may place this laudable enterprise on the sure way to consummation.

If we wait until the growing surplus of the Grand Lodge reaches a sufficiency, I fear we will wait long, for the needs of the Home cry aloud in our ears and plead for more room, and this is our first and most sacred care. But, if we guard our treasury, waste not one cent, nor indulge in extravagance; if we will husband the funds that come into our hands; if we will so present the Home to our Lodges that every Mason in Georgia will come to realize that it is his Home and that he has a deep and abiding personal interest in it, ere long the wants of the Home will be borne by the spontaneous free will offerings of the brethren, and the accumulated surplus of the Grand Lodge will suffice to construct and maintain the Temple we so sorely need.

As we built the Home by the practice of economy, by faith in God and an abiding trust in the magnanimity of the brethren, so we will build a Temple. The joyous day is coming when we shall lay its cornerstone, and soon the crowning day shall come when we will dedicate it to the glory of God and consecrate it to the holy purposes of Masonry.

Let there be no laggards in the work, but each with willing hands and loyal hearts bring the first fruits of his labors till the work shall be done. In the words of the Prophet Haggai, "Is it time for you, O, ye, to dwell in your own celled houses, and this house lie waste?"

FINANCES.

To this Grand Lodge, there is no more important consideration than that of the question of its finances. In the conduct of the affairs of every institution, be it eleemosynary, or for personal gain, a most important consideration is a thorough understanding of its financial condition.

Two important items present themselves for consideration, the income and the expenses. To a convention like this, where, every representative is a trustee and director, and must direct, by resolution, or pass upon, by ballot, the disposition of the funds, it is imperatively essential that every member should have a complete and clear conception of the financial status.

I very much fear that this Grand Lodge has a misapprehension of the word surplus, which, defined by the lexicographer, means "an over plus; remaining part."

The larger part of the funds of this Grand Lodge accumulate during the month of October. At the time when the Grand Lodge meets, if no surplus is brought over, there would be from thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars in the treasury, but this is not surplus. Only so much of it is surplus as will be left after the fixed expenses of the Grand Lodge, such as pay roll, which last year was more than \$18,500, the salaries of the officers, printing and other fixed expenses, including the maintenance of the Home which, during the last year, and every year, for that matter, was about \$6,000. These are not contingent expenses, but fixed by our laws, and must be met. What, at a glance, seems to be an enormous sum, when reduced by fixed obligations to an actual surplus, becomes a paltry sum of only a few thousand dollars.

Therefore, I warn you, in view of the new addition to the Home and new Temple, both of which we must have in the near future, to exercise the utmost care in the disbursement of your funds, to the end that a real surplus, adequate to our needs, may be accumulated.

To this end, I shall ask the Finance Committee to submit a preliminary report, early during the session, so that this Grand Lodge may have a simple and succinct statement of its financial condition.

So far as my personal conduct of the finances are concerned, during the year, I have used the utmost economy consistent with adequate service.

Under resolution of the Grand Lodge, I, with the other officers named in the resolution, advertised for bids from banks for interest on daily balances, and surety bond for the amount of our deposits. We have, therefore, had our deposits guaranteed by bond during the year and received a most satisfactory rate of interest of 5 3-10 per cent. on daily balances, amounting in the aggregate to \$522.35.

During the year, a damaging fire occurred in the store rooms beneath the Lodge room.

Ample insurance was carried and collected to rehabilitate the Temple, and to make new and attractive a part of it that was old and unsightly.

Of this, your Committee on Grand Lodge property will report more fully.

Of the amount appropriated for the Grand Master's stenographer and traveling expenses, etc., there is left about \$300 in the treasury, yet not at the sacrifice of the visitations, for I have made more than forty, and in every section of the State. Three hundred was saved in my appointment of Brother Carling on the Board of Trustees, and \$300 in the matter of badges for this Grand Lodge, the ones you wear coming from a source which created no indebtedness upon the Grand Lodge.

Another year of Masonic prosperity has blessed us with its inspiration and its hope. Our Masonry is a progressive one. Let its watchwords be onward, upward, higher, until we have attained the summit of our desire. Let no step be taken backward, and with due caution let us guard against a slip; but, with firm and steady tread, looking before we leap, let us go forward, slow if we must, but, nevertheless, always forward. I love the blast of trumpets and the blowing of horns. I rejoice in the spirit of enthusiasm, that, guided by intelligence, goes forward in leaps and bounds. So let us, with hearts united and aims all one, put our shoulders to the wheel until the chariot of success shall be landed upon the highway of accomplishment, and then looking back, and catching new inspiration from the patience, perseverance and courage of the past, we will press onward to plains of higher endeavor and holier altitude, until the culmination of our hope, a commodious Home, with comfort and joy for every worthy one, a magnificent Temple, sufficient for every need, shall become a glorious realization.

I was honored with a most cordial and earnest invitation to attend the exercises incident upon the celebration of the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, at Boston, Mass., on October 4, 5, and 6. It was with great sorrow I was obliged to decline this invitation to celebrate so auspicious an event in the history of the oldest Masonic Lodge in the United States. The Grand Masters of the thirteen original States and those of Maine, Vermont and Nova Scotia, were the especially invited guests, and fourteen of the sixteen were present.

With great pleasure, I acknowledged the receipt of a beautiful souvenir of the occasion. The proximity of our own Grand Lodge and other important engagements at that time, precluded the privilege of my enjoying this rare occasion.

During the year, I received a communication from a pawn broker establishment, in Arkansas, stating that it was in possession of the jewel presented by this Grand Lodge to Past Grand Master, J. I. Wright. I sought and received the last known address of the married daughter of our lamented brother, and addressed her a letter with reference to the matter, but the letter was returned, not having reached her. I submit this matter for your consideration. The jewel was pawned by some one representing himself or herself as a relative of Brother Wright.

I have received a number of letters during the year containing overtures from Mrs. Mary Patton Hudson, the President of Robert Patton

Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, on behalf of the Johnson Island Confederate Cemetery.

She desires that the Grand Lodge make a contribution to this cause, in view of the fact that many Georgia Masons are buried there. I am prepared to turn over her correspondence to a committee, in the event the Grand Lodge desires to consider the matter, or to the Grand Lodge to be disposed of as it wishes.

To my fellow Officers of this Grand Lodge, I owe a lasting debt of gratitude. Each has been loyal and faithful in the performance of the duties assigned him.

The Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Henry Banks, has been a messenger of peace and love in many parts of the State. He has so learned the lessons of Masonry, so imbibed the spirit of the Craft, during his many years of loyal devotion to it, that he has become the living incarnation of Free Masonry, the best lover and the best beloved of all his brethren.

The Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Geo. M. Napier, the chevalier of Georgia Masonry, has illustrated in his conduct, and from many a forum proclaimed, the teachings of the Craft.

The Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Robt. L. Colding, whose lips have been "stung by the attic bees," has ever been ready to help when help was needed.

The Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful James M. Rushin, to measure his worth to the Craft, to value his service to the Grand Master, is beyond the power of tongue to tell. Naturally wise, and full of years of rich experience, his judgment is well nigh unerring. His advice, although modestly given, is a safe guide to the solution of every question. So long and so faithfully has he walked in the footsteps of his Divine Master, that the halo of His glory rests upon the brow of this High Priest of Masonry, this Minister of righteousness, this man without guile.

The Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful W. A. Wolihin, has been faithful, vigilant, cautious and true. His experience, his wisdom, his zeal and his fidelity, commend him to the Craft as an efficient, earnest, honest officer. Your Grand Master owes to him the highest words of praise for invaluable assistance rendered during the year.

All of the appointive officers have been faithful and true, rendering great service to the Craft in season and out of season. Never nobler, more loyal friends ever undertook to hold up the hands of their Master than these, my beloved brethren, who have held the appointive offices during this year.

The Superintendent of the Home, Worshipful Brother A. S. Harris, and his noble wife, have laid Georgia Masonry under bonds of lasting gratitude to them for having made the Home a home in deed and in truth. Consecrated, broad minded, faithful and true, they have overshadowed the Home with the benign beauty of their own lives, and those who are under their care are safe and secure from all alarms.

**"Never a man was born into the sun,
The quick and strong, the feeble and the slow,
But God hath fashioned yet another one
To be his brother, and to help him grow!"**

I believe in a progressive Masonry, tempered with conservatism. I believe that each year ought to be characterized by some forward step, the advancement or culmination of some noble enterprise.

Our Masonry is a vital principle, a living force. Activity is essential to its well being, to its very life.

I believe this Grand Lodge is composed of as intelligent, experienced, capable and wise men as any assembly that convenes in Georgia. The conduct of the affairs of this Grand Lodge, is a serious, earnest, practical business proposition.

I believe in the application of practical business methods to the conduct of our affairs.

I believe that no business should be submitted to this Grand Lodge for its action until it has been carefully and fully considered by a proper committee.

I believe that every important matter should be freely and fully discussed by this Grand Lodge. I do not believe that the most important committee reports to this Grand Lodge should be crowded into the morning hours of the last day of the session, and rushed through without due consideration.

I do not believe that a Grand Lodge composed of a thousand members, the first two days, ought to reduce itself to two or three hundred the last day, when the most important matters are being considered and acted upon.

I do not seek to dictate the policy of this Grand Lodge, but I am unalterably opposed to any legislation that seeks to levy an additional tax upon the subordinate Lodges.

I believe in the unit system of representation, as practiced by this Grand Lodge from its inception. That the Master of each Lodge shall be the duly accredited Representative of that Lodge, and shall feel the burden of the trust reposed in him. That the smallest and most humble Lodge in the State of Georgia shall have equal voice and equal representation with the largest and most pretentious Lodge in the State.

I have an abiding faith in the honor, integrity, fidelity and wisdom of the good men and true, the wise and noble men, who compose this Grand Lodge.

Let not the burden of its legislation fall upon the few. Let not the sacred trust of representation rest lightly upon you. Let us, each and all, assume the burden of the labor imposed upon us and joyfully perform the duties assigned us by the confidence reposed in us by our brethren. Thus will we win and deserve the plaudit "well done, good and faithful servant."

Let us feel the consciousness of the power of our own individuality, that the Grand Lodge is a mighty whole, composed of units, units that

represent something, that stand for something. We are those units. We will not mar the beauty or diminish the strength of the magnificent structure whose component parts we are. Let us adopt the sentiment herein contained :

"I will not strive beyond my strength
To do what other men have done,
Nor lay my yard stick length by length
Along the life of any one

My life shall out. What in it lies
Of hope, of strength, of sacred fire,
To make that clear to all men's eyes
Is my supreme, my sole desire.

I am; and what I am I am,
Nor evermore could other be,
God shall not write me down a sham;
I'll own the name He giveth me."

Thus, my beloved Brethren, I have rendered you an account of my stewardship. The work I have done has been a labor of love. The year just passed has been one of the most joyous of all my life. On every side I have heard only words of sympathy, encouragement and cheer; on every hand I have been greeted by the hearty, warm grasp of loyal ardent brotherly love.

You have placed upon my brow the chaplet of the highest honor your gift could bestow. A gift of golden love, purified in the crucibles of your minds, and sanctified in the holy of holies of your hearts. The great deep of my heart is a welling stream of purest gratitude for the priceless gift. When the days of my years shall have reached their utmost limit and every moment of those days shall have been filled with appreciation of this matchless gift, the sum of them all shall be a meager recompense for this inestimable honor.

Human frailty, I fear, has led me into many errors, but the purpose of my heart has ever been to do the right. What I have done has been in the fear of God and with due regard for the will and pleasure of those I served. As I have seen my duty, so I have performed it, without fear or favor or the hope of fee or reward, except such as my brethren are willing to accord to an earnest faithful servant.

We are a noble and glorious brotherhood marshalled under the banner of Truth. To defend the right, relieve the suffering, overcome the evil with the good, guard the sacred honor of woman, and to glorify God our Father, is the sublime mission of Masonry in the world.

A wondrous army whose marshal song is "Peace on earth, Good will to men," whose most glorious victory shall be when "swords shall be beaten into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks;" whose grandest triumph shall come when "the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains."

Then let us so strive that, when at last the victorious hosts of the Sons of Light shall stand before the tiled door of the celestial Lodge,

clothed in the garments of innocence, and upon our lips the "Lost Word," we shall find triumphant entrance into the presence of the Supreme Grand Master in the Supernal Lodge whose altar fires are the incense of God's infinite Love.

Many of us have fought these battles valiantly and long, and the time must come, ere long, when we must lay aside the implements of our warfare and rest.

L'ENVOI.

When Earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it—lie down for an æon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good shall be happy; they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from—Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working, and each in his separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees it for the God of Things as they are!

T. H. JEFFRIES,
Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Most Worshipful Max Meyerhardt, the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee for topical distribution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Brother Chas. L. Bass, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Credentials makes the following report:

We find the following named brethren hold proxies in regular and correct form and are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, to-wit:

| <i>Lodges</i> | | <i>Past Masters</i> |
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| No. 2. | Gate City..... | John Z. Lawshe |
| No. 4. | Rising Star..... | F. L. Bachelor |
| No. 7. | Columbian..... | R. J. Hunter |
| No. 15. | Zerubbabel..... | Chas. J. Richards |
| No. 25. | Philomatheia..... | A. J. Cleveland |
| No. 32. | Rising Sun..... | T. J. Williams |

| <i>Lodges.</i> | <i>Past Masters.</i> |
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| No. 13. Strict Observance..... | G. L. Alexander |
| No. 41. Pythagoras..... | E. H. Mamon |
| No. 48. Landrum..... | E. A. Cutts |
| No. 68. Hamilton..... | S. M. Hitchcock |
| No. 63. Cartersville..... | A. M. Puckett |
| No. 65. Traveler's Rest..... | L. W. Gardner |
| No. 67. Dawson..... | R. J. Mann |
| No. 68. Dawson..... | W. H. Lloyd |
| No. 74. Palmetto..... | Sim Zellars |
| No. 80. Western..... | C. C. Tracy |
| No. 83. Zaradatha..... | D. W. Goodwin |
| No. 91. Western..... | W. A. Foster |
| No. 94. New River..... | Lee B. Webb |
| No. 100. McRae..... | R. L. Clark |
| No. 151. Doerun..... | A. H. Hancock |
| No. 152. Sharon Grove..... | E. A. Huckabee |
| No. 128. Baber..... | C. H. Mapp |
| No. 157. Hall County..... | John L. Malden |
| No. 213. Ogeechee..... | A. J. Mooney |
| No. 168. Adairsville..... | N. C. Anderson |
| No. 174. Redwine..... | M. M. Gentry |
| No. 179. Trenton..... | T. J. Lumpkin |
| No. 230. Auburn..... | A. J. Poole |
| No. 242. Dixie..... | F. M. Austin |
| No. 232. Sixes..... | J. T. Worley |
| No. 274. Waynesboro..... | S. Schwarzweiss |
| No. 285. Grantville..... | J. R. Cotton |
| No. 302. Millican's Creek..... | S. J. Blund |
| No. 304. Mt. Hermon..... | J. A. Walton |
| No. 310. Adel..... | W. L. Kennon |
| No. 313. Eureka..... | J. G. Pate |
| No. 329. Few..... | I. W. Jordan |
| No. 344. Primus..... | A. J. Brown |
| No. 374. Ocilla..... | D. J. Henderson |
| No. 379. Doles..... | David Champion |
| No. 381. Moultrie..... | C. L. Austin |
| No. 400. Nichols..... | William Brown |
| No. 406. Hartfield..... | S. L. Hayes |
| No. 412. Richmond..... | Henry S. Jones |
| No. 419. Rose..... | L. W. Stanford |
| No. 426. Royston..... | W. A. Maxwell |
| No. 434. Hamilton..... | J. V. Talley |
| No. 438. Roger Wood..... | J. S. Chambers |
| No. 446. Hamby..... | W. H. Hunter |
| No. 453. Norman..... | J. L. Butler |
| No. 462. Bartow..... | LeRoy Smith |

Lodges

Past Masters

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| No. 473. Pinehurst..... | W. H. Buchanan |
| No. 408. Crawford..... | W. J. Deat. |
| No. 194. Worth..... | E. J. Rhodes |
| No. 496. Metcalf..... | W. J. Taylor |
| No. 513. Davitte..... | J. W. Fambrough |

The following we find irregular and so not entitled to seat in this session of the Grand Lodge: No. 467, Wellington Lodge, J. A. Snelling, Senior Warden of the Lodge, is appointed by the Master as his proxy, because of the illness of the Master to prevent his attending. Brother Snelling states to the Committee that he himself is not a Past Master, and that there is a Past Master of his Lodge, but that he is about ninety years of age and incapacitated from attending the Grand Lodge, both, by physical and mental infirmities.

Also, No. 84, Lithonia Lodge, George N. St. John, Senior Warden, who is not a Past Master, is appointed proxy by the Master, who cannot attend because of sickness.

As Brother F. A. Perry, Worshipful Master of Sale City Lodge, No. 472, was on his way to the Grand Lodge, he was called back home by illness in his family. He appointed Brother W. R. McLean, Past Master of Pelham Lodge, No. 312, his proxy, and requested him to represent his Lodge at the present session. It was too late for Brother Perry then to get a Past Master of his own Lodge to attend or to give Brother McLean a proxy in regular form. Under these circumstances rather than have the Lodge unrepresented at the present Communication, your Committee recommends that Brother McLean be allowed to represent Sale City Lodge, No. 472, at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. L. BASS, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:

FINANCE.

Joseph C. Greenfield, *Chairman*,

J. A. Littlejohn,

J. R. Stephens.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Q. Moody, *Chairman*,

GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

M. A. Weir, *Chairman*,

W. S. Smith,

Levi Cohen.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

AUDITING, No. 1.

E. L. Merrell, *Chairman*,

J. E. Mathis,

A. W. Suttles.

AUDITING, No. 2.

R. H. Carpenter, *Chairman*,

C. F. Barrett,

J. Harwell House.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

F. H. Saffold, *Chairman*,

J. D. Hamrick,
 W. W. Webb.
 T. B. Torlay,
 F. M. Chalker,
 Walter C. Dancer,
 A. S. Scott,

J. E. McClelland,
 W. T. Williams,
 W. R. Dykes,
 Geo. T. Gurr,
 Hatton Lovejoy,
 W. J. Nunnally.

CREDENTIALS.

Charles L. Bass, *Chairman*,

A. J. Mooney,
 W. S. Richardson,
 J. Homer Lewis,
 Jno. M. Hall,
 E. H. Robertson,
 J. A. McDonald,
 R. I. Battle,

Samuel A. Brown,
 G. A. Mathews,
 W. K. Burnett,
 T. R. Moore,
 I. Steinheimer,
 W. W. Cavendar.

MEMORIALS.

A. D. Echols, *Chairman*,

A. J. Morgan,
 G. F. Huckabee,
 A. S. Hopkins,
 J. M. Cantrell,
 P. H. Milton,
 R. B. O. England,
 G. P. Braswell,

J. M. DeFoor,
 J. S. L. Sappington,
 T. T. Key,
 A. G. Vilee,
 M. J. Horn,
 Troy Beaty.

RETURNS.

Joe. P. Bowdoin, *Chairman*,

P. T. McCutchen,
 W. A. Simmons,

B. L. Patterson
 C. F. Morgan.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

James G. Lester, *Chairman*,

H. H. Chandler,
R. E. Edwards,
J. M. Rose,
E. A. Harris,
Oscar Dooly,
W. F. Little,
H. L. Culbertson,

J. C. Dover,
R. H. Taylor,
J. F. Lee,
L. P. Fordham,
J. B. Blitch,
John Conn,
Jno. A. Hynds.

JURISPRUDENCE.

James W. Taylor, *Chairman*,

Max Meyerhardt,
Ben. J. Edwards,
Y. A. Wright,
J. F. Tison,
E. A. Cutts,
R. H. Hunter,

J. R. Irwin,
T. J. Lumpkin,
Jabez Galt,
Chas. P. Gordon,
L. L. Stanford.

BY-LAWS.

Geo. D. Rucker, *Chairman*,

Homer Head,
C. S. Reid,
W. L. Selman,
L. W. Burkett,
J. W. Arnold,
P. B. Latimer,
R. P. Adams,

J. F. Jenkins,
Wm. I. Wilson,
B. H. Patterson,
Z. T. Thigpen,
L. P. Gaines,
W. D. Zachry,
F. L. Batchelor.

CHARTERS.

T. H. Young, *Chairman*,

W. A. Slaton,
D. P. McArthur,
H. A. Mobley,
H. M. Wood,
W. B. Haygood,
W. H. Hardy,
Malvern Hill,

J. M. Austin,
Robert D. Grigg,
O. L. Teasley,
P. Hubert,
A. I. Head,
C. A. Barrett.

GENERAL WELFARE.

E. J. Henry, *Chairman*,

C. M. Candler,
C. M. Tyson,
J. L. Lovvorn,
C. A. McDaniel,

T. A. Shipp,
O. E. Lancaster,
J. A. Bishop,
J. B. Crawford,

M. J. Pierce,
Jno. H. Cantrell,
H. G. Edenfield,

C. S. Brown,
J. N. Evans,
B. F. Ingram.

RELIEF.

Wm. B. Kent, *Chairman*,

Chas. S. Wood,
J. A. Walker,
J. J. Boney,
T. H. Carter,
T. C. Shadburn,
B. L. Brinson,
W. H. Lloyd,

Edward Wynn,
A. S. Harvey,
C. H. Sharp,
H. C. Hillis,
J. W. McMurtrey,
J. M. Levy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

W. H. Taylor, *Chairman*,

W. B. Rogers,
Hugh M. Taylor,
Joe Ivy,
T. W. Dooley,
H. B. Lawson,
W. S. Walker,

B. F. Prine,
P. T. Knight,
R. B. Seagraves,
J. W. Loving,
B. L. Wood,
J. H. Flythe.

PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

Jno. R. Wilkinson, *Chairman*,

Jas B. Clements,

J. A. Longley.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother A. Q. Moody, *Chairman*, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Petitions for recognition from the Grand Lodge Swiss Alpina, the Grand Orient of Greece, and the Grand Lodge of San Salvador, have been referred to this Committee.

It is a well established fact, that the most intimate relations exist between the Swiss Grand Lodge and the atheistical Grand Orient of France. It is true that the Swiss Grand Lodge has made a declaration, in which it disapproves the action of the Grand Orient of France in renouncing the formula respecting the Great Architect of the Universe; at the same time, it declares that, while the Grand Orient repudiates a belief in Deity, it is nobody's business but their own, and that the utmost latitude must be allowed in such matters.

We recommend that action on the request of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina for recognition be indefinitely postponed.

From the best information we can get, there are two Grand Orients in Greece, each claiming to be legitimate, and each declaring the other to be clandestine. Moreover, the Grand Orient is not an independent sovereign Grand Body, but is dominated by a Master of the 33rd degree, under whose authority it acts. We recommend that the request of the Grand Orient of Greece for recognition be denied.

A recent communication from Grand Secretary Tomas Soley to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, was forwarded to Grand Master Thomas H. Jeffries, and by him was referred to this Committee for investigation.

The communication printed in the Spanish language, sets forth the fact that the Grand Lodge of San Salvador was organized July 14th of this year, that the Grandes Functonarios (Grand Officers) were duly installed September 15th, and that three subordinate Lodges constitute the Grand Lodge. The new Grand Lodge asks for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

With the limited information at our disposal, we recommend that action be deferred until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Faternally submitted,

A. Q. MOODY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brother J. G. Lester, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

The Committee on Grand Master's Address respectfully reports and recommends that the same be distributed and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Memorials, so much as is included under the headings "Our Dead" and "Our Fraternal Dead."

To the Committee on General Welfare, so much as is included under the heads:

1. "Dispensations to lay Corner-Stones."
2. "Dispensations for New Lodges."
3. "Dispensations to Constitute Lodges."
4. "Dispensations, Miscellaneous."
5. "Masonic Code."

6. "Appointment of Representatives Near the Grand Lodge of Georgia."

7. "Official Visitations."
8. "District Deputies."
9. "General Welfare."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence, so much as is embraced under the head of "Decisions."

To the Committee on Masonic Home, so much as is included under the heading "The Home."

To the Committee on New Temple, so much as is embraced in the heading "Grand Lodge Temple."

To the Committee on Finance, so much as is included under the head of "Finances."

We recommend that so much of the address as is included under the head of "Oak Bowery Lodge," be referred to a Special Committee of seven, to be appointed by the Grand Master.

1. We most heartily commend the able address of the Grand Master and earnestly approve all the efforts made by this devoted and efficient officer, during the past year, to further and promote the interests of our beloved Order in this Jurisdiction.

2. His every act is deserving of the highest meed of praise and entitles him to the commendation of every member of the Craft. In the matter of official visitation, the record of former years, both in number of Lodges enjoying the benefit of his presence, work and counsel and the variety of Masonic services rendered, has been exceeded.

3. His decisions upon questions raised and submitted for adjudication, evinces a thorough knowledge of Masonic Law and is but another evidence of his devotion to duty and his thorough fitness for the high and exalted position, to which he has been called, by the love and appreciation of his brethren.

4. His grasp and knowledge of matters pertaining to Finances, demonstrate that as a sound, prudent business man, every material interest of the Order is closely looked after and most carefully guarded.

5. The entire address is deserving of the favorable consideration of the Craft at large and, abounding, as it does, in sublime truths, the high and lofty ideals of Masonry, so beautifully expressed, and a strong and forceful presentation of the principles of our Order, it deserves to rank among the best of Masonic addresses and to have a place in the permanent records of this Grand Lodge.

6. It is a "Bugle Call," to renewed energy and activity and an incentive to a higher and better life, upon the part of our membership. If heeded and responded to as it should be, it will result in an increased interest in, and devotion to, the principles of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. LESTER, *Chairman*,
H. H. CHANDLER,
J. B. C. BLITCH,
R. E. EDWARDS,
J. M. ROSE,
R. H. TAYLOR,
E. A. HARRIS,
J. C. DOVER,
L. P. FORDHAM.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was ordered printed:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Finance deem it fitting and proper that it make at this time a short preliminary report, containing a statement of assets and probable liabilities of the Grand Lodge and the approximate surplus that will be left after paying the expenses of this Grand Communication, and providing for the maintenance of the Home and the expenses of the Grand Lodge until its next meeting. The brethren can thus control any extraordinary appropriation they may make in order that only such obligations may be assumed as can be paid without creating a deficit.

The report of the Finance Committee, as shown on page 84 of the Proceedings of 1907, shows an apparent balance on hand of \$33,088.56.

The statement of the Home Fund, as shown on page 87 of the same Proceedings, shows a balance of \$538.34. In addition there will be \$980 due from Lodges to whom charters were granted, making a grand total available of \$34,606.90.

The Finance Committee made certain recommendations which were adopted, to-wit:

- \$ 100.00 to the Committee on Grand Lodge Property.
- 100.00 to the Grand Tyler.
- 150.00 to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
- 37.00 for assistants to the Grand Secretary.
- 1,200.00 to the Grand Master.
- 375.00 for an adding machine.
- 500.00 for a barn at the Masonic Home.
- 6.00 for sundries.

Making a total recommendation of \$2,468.

The Grand Lodge also by resolution ordered \$1,000 to be paid to Wm. Kellar.

In addition to these amounts, the following indebtedness was upon the Grand Lodge, to-wit:

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| Organist | \$ 30 00 |
| Janitor | 10 00 |
| Conveyances to Home | 312 35 |
| Rent of Organ | 10 00 |
| Badges | 307 50 |
| Painting Portraits | 200 00 |
| Macon Railway Company | 642 63 |
| Old bills at Masonic Home and purchase of mules | 828 00 |
| Lawyer McClarty | 50 00 |
| Making total of | \$2 390 48 |

In addition to all this, the purchase of certain mules had been ordered for the Home at a cost of \$440.69. The barn for which an appropria-

tion of \$500 had been made cost \$880, making a deficit of \$380 that had to be met.

The pay roll of the last session reached the unprecedented sum of \$18,602.12. These various sums added together make a grand total of \$25,281.29, which, deducted from the balance of \$34,606.90, left an actual surplus of only \$9,325.61 with which to carry on the work of the Grand Lodge and maintain the Home for one year. When it is known that it costs in round numbers \$1,000 per month to do this, it can readily be seen that the present administration stared a deficit in the face.

By the same system of computation we find that the actual surplus for the year 1906 was \$10,875.25; for 1905 was \$8,941.36; for 1904 was \$13,659.85.

The contributions to the Home, however, from various sources, the rental of the Grand Lodge property and the interest upon our deposits amounted to \$4,589.40, which added to the \$9,325.61 referred to above, gave a total for the year's expenses of \$13,915.01. By careful management the total expenses have been held down to \$11,389.43, so that there is a net surplus, without including this year's collections, of \$2,525.58.

This is net. This Grand Lodge does not owe one cent, either directly or indirectly, except a bill to R. J. O'Shields for plumbing in the Home, which is now and has been for four years in litigation. Every bill due, either by the Home or the Grand Lodge, has been paid up to this minute.

It has heretofore been the custom to carry certain October bills over until after the Communication of the Grand Lodge. These have this year all been paid, including the salaries up to November 1st, and all expenses of maintenance to the same date.

The receipts for this year amount to about \$31,500. There will probably be received for charters granted this session \$1,050 and from contributions and interest \$3,100, and from rent \$360, making a total available of about \$38,500. The total regular expenses for the ensuing year, including the pay roll of this session, we estimate to be \$31,500, which will leave a net surplus of about \$7,000, which is all this Grand Lodge can put aside for extraordinary expenditures with any degree of safety.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, *Chairman*,
C. A. LITTLEJOHN,
J. R. STEPHENS.

CASE OF OAK BOWERY LODGE, NO. 81, REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Most Worshipful Max Meyerhardt, the case of Oak Bowery Lodge, No. 81, was referred to a special committee for investigation.

Committee appointed:

I. A. Busb, Sr.,
Clifford Walker,
P. H. Comas,
O. M. Houser,

Frank F. Baker,
W. S. Rockwell,
J. T. Harrison.

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

7:30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, with the same Grand officers and Delegates as at the morning session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

Brother T. H. Young, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :

Your Committee on Charters beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the various applications for charters and recommend that the following charters be granted :

Newton Lodge, Baker County, to be known as Lodge No. 541.

Sweetgum Lodge, Fannin County, to be known as Lodge No. 542.

Lucile Lodge, Early County, to be known as Lodge No. 532

Blaine Lodge, Pickens County, to be known as Lodge No. 534.

Red Hill Lodge, Laurens Cornty, to be known as Lodge No. 533.

John W. Akin Lodge, Bartow County, to be known as Lodge No. 537.

Helena Lodge, Telfair County, to be known as Lodge No. 536.

Collins Lodge, Tattnall County, to be known as Lodge No. 535.

O. W. T. Rogers Lodge, Madison County, to be known as Lodge No. 538.

Bethlehem Lodge, Randolph County, to be known as Lodge No. 539.

Elm City Lodge, Troup County, to be known as Lodge No. 544.

Mercer Lodge, Greene County, to be known as Lodge No. 531.

Thelma Lodge, Telfair County, to be known as Lodge No. 545.

Panthersville Lodge, DeKalb County, to be known as Lodge No. 543.

Minter Lodge, Laurens County, to be known as Lodge No. 540.

Sackville Lodge, Carroll County, to be known as Lodge No. 546.

The following petitions for new Lodges were not entertained, they not being properly recommended :

Haddock Lodge, Naylor Lodge.

The following Lodges we recommend be allowed to move their Lodges to new locations :

Rotherwood Lodge, to move their Lodge to Lowell, Ga.
 Stilesboro Lodge, No. 260, to move their Lodge about one-half mile away.

Camden Lodge, No. 476, from Kingsland to St. Marys, Ga.

We also recommend that Milner Lodge, No. 286, have their charter restored.

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. YOUNG, *Chairman*,
 O. L. TEASLEY,
 C. S. BARRETT,
 W. J. MILLICAN,
 P. HUBERT,
 W. B. HAYGOOD,
 W. H. HARDY,
 J. W. McMURTRY.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION TAKEN UP.

The following amendments to the Constitution, which received the necessary two-thirds majority at the Annual Communication of 1907, and laid over until this Communication for final action, were taken up, and upon vote being taken on each of the amendments, both were laid upon the table:

Amendment by Brother T. D. Walker:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge finds it necessary to spend a large sum of money for the improvement of the Grand Lodge property as well as the Masonic Home, and in order that we may be able to take care of the large number of attendants, and which number is annually increasing; the present income being insufficient to meet the demands of this expenditure, and the maintenance of the Masonic Home, be it

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge be required to pay \$1.00 per capita additional per year for each member, until all the necessary buildings be erected on the Home property for the accommodation of the Masonic family. This fund to be known as the specific fund for the maintenance of the Masonic Home. After these buildings are completed annual assessment of \$1.00 for each member to be reduced to fifty cents per annum for each member as a permanent fund for the maintenance of the Home.

Amendment by Brother G. H. Holliday:

Be it Resolved, That Article 12 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be, and the same is hereby amended, by adding to said Article next after the last word thereof, the following, to-wit:

Provided, No brother shall be eligible to the office of *Grand Master* for a term of more than *two years* consecutively.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Brother N. H. Ballard, for the Board of District Deputies, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M.:

During the past year the activities of the Board of District Deputies have been directed in two principal channels—an earnest endeavor to make uniform the ritualistic work in Georgia, and the organization of the entire State into District and County Masonic Conventions.

The Board has endeavored to develop a simple, dignified work which is not beyond the effort of the weakest Lodge in the State and yet would be highly creditable in the Lodge that prides itself upon the rendition of the ritual of Masonry. It has adopted that work which has been in use in the State from time immemorial and such as has gained almost general recognition among the best informed Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Whenever expressions have been found that did not conform to the context of the ritual and at the same time bore the ear marks of long ago they have sought an explanation and reason for these old time expressions rather than to cast them bodily forth from the Masonic Ritual.

The year just past has been characterized by the organization of more District and County Masonic Conventions than in any other year in the history of Georgia Masonry.

The entire State is now organized into eleven District Conventions.

The organization of the Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth has been perfected during the present year.

More than fifty County, or Sub-District, Conventions have been organized throughout the State. Almost every County in the Second, Third, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts have such Conventions. If the present growth keeps up it will be but a few years until every Lodge in the State will be attached to both a District and County Convention. When this is accomplished Masonry will make progress as never before.

The District and County Conventions have their origin in the Seventh District and due to their influence and the untiring zeal of him who there inspired them, Masonry has taken a stand in that District second to none.

My Brethren, there is not a factor more potent for the good of Masonry in Georgia than these District and County Conventions. If your Lodge has not yet joined a District Convention see to it that it is represented at the next communication of your District Convention. If your County has not yet organized a Masonic Convention, do so at once.

We feel deeply grateful to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the kind words he said about the Board of Deputies in his annual address

and hope and believe that this Grand Lodge will adopt his recommendation in regard to this Board.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. SAFFOLD, *Chairman*,
D. M. ROGERS,
L. J. BLALOCK,
W. L. WILLIAMS,
R. A. HENDERSON,
T. J. BROWN,
BERRY T. MOSLEY,
ROBERT McMILLAN,
J. G. TYLER,
N. H. BALLARD.

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called off until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

October 28, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor with the same Grand Officers and Delegates as at the evening session.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the following Brethren were appointed as tellers:

E. W. BARNETT,

JOHN R. WILKINSON,

C. S. SMITH.

The Grand Lodge proceeded with the election, which resulted as follows:

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| THOS. H. JEFFRIES | Grand Master |
| HENRY BANKS | Deputy Grand Master |
| GEORGE M. NAPIER | Senior Grand Warden |
| ROBERT L. COLDING | Junior Grand Warden |
| JAMES M. RUSHIN | Grand Treasurer |
| W. A. WOLIHIN | Grand Secretary |

DISTRICT DEPUTIES ELECTED.

The following brethren were elected by the Representative of their respective Districts, to serve as District Deputies, which election was approved by the Grand Lodge:

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| First District | A. J. MOONEY | Statesboro |
| Second District | J. W. PETTY | Dawson |
| Third District | L. J. BLALOCK | Americus |
| Fourth District | W. L. WILLIAMS | Columbus |
| Fifth District | CHARLES E. HALL | Atlanta |
| Sixth District | H. M. FLETCHER | Jackson |
| Seventh District | F. F. BAKER | Dalton |
| Eighth District | B. F. MOSLEY | Danielsville |
| Ninth District | ROBERT MCMILLAN | Clarksville |
| Tenth District | W. F. LITTLE | Louisville |
| Eleventh District | N. H. BALLARD | Brunswick |

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HOME.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives of their respective Districts, to serve as Trustees of the Masonic Home, which election was approved by the Grand Lodge:

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| Third District | J. N. EVANS | Rochelle |
| Seventh District | JOE P. BOWDOIN | Adairsville |
| Eighth District | L. M. HEARD | Elberton |
| Eleventh District | W. B. KENT | Mount Vernon |

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE.

Brother E. J. Henry, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on General Welfare beg leave to submit the following report:

District Deputies: In connection with the recommendation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master as contained in his address, we recommend that the term of office of the District Deputies be ultimately three years, and to that end we recommend that at this session the District Deputies of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts be elected for one year and that their successors be elected for three years. That the District Deputies of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts be

elected for two years and that their successors be elected for three years and that the District Deputies of the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts be elected for three years and that their successors be elected for three years. This will insure two-thirds on old Board of Deputies at all times who are agreed upon the work and who can instruct the incoming members each year on the work agreed upon, thus keeping it uniform.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. HENRY, *Chairman*,
C. M. TYSON,
J. L. LOVVORN,
G. S. KELLEY,
M. J. PEARCE,
JOHN H. CANTRELL,
H. G. EDENFIELD,
T. A. SHIPP,
O. E. LANCASTER,
J. A. BISHOP,
J. B. CRAWFORD,
B. F. INGRAM.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

Brother A. L. Bartlett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rumors are in circulation that gross irregularities were committed by Auditing Committee, No. 1, at the last session of the Grand Lodge of this State, in the issuing of a Warrant on the Grand Treasurer in favor of one of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, Be it therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to immediately investigate said rumor and the facts with reference to the issuing of said Warrant or Warrants as may have caused criticism, and report their finding thereon to the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Committee appointed:

A. L. BARTLETT, *Chairman*,
T. C. RICE,
J. A. SHARP,
H. B. MICHAEL,
J. T. LATTIMER.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following Brethren were granted leave of absence after today's session :

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| J. T. Longino, | J. M. Carmichael, |
| C. A. McDaniel, | J. C. Hollingsworth, |
| H. M. Wood, | T. H. Calhoun, |
| F. O. Watkins, | C. L. Smith, |
| J. D. Hamrick, | O. L. Holmes, |
| R. E. Edwards, | Lloyd Cleveland, |
| F. M. Stewart, | C. B. Thomas, |
| T. W. T. Wilson, | J. L. Lovvorn, |
| W. D. Chapman, | J. J. Walker, |
| J. C. Smith, | L. H. Bacon, |
| Clifford Walker, | E. Hubbard, |
| C. B. Vickers, | C. S. Barrett, |
| B. F. Strickland, | W. T. Freel, |
| O. H. McDonald, | C. E. Bethea, |
| J. B. Talley, | W. L. Jenkins, |
| W. S. Copeland, | J. F. Lancaster, |
| Henry Reeves, | D. W. Goodwin, |
| H. R. Palmer, | W. J. Williams, |
| M. M. Anderson, | Edward Wynn, |
| J. Z. T. Fann, | M. L. Wallace, |
| R. C. Mathews, | W. A. Bragg, |
| T. L. Bailey, | W. J. Taylor, |
| M. H. McEmurry, | J. D. Taylor, |
| R. H. Richetson, | J. M. Atkinson, |
| G. E. Crawley, | John H. Mullin, |
| R. M. Abernathy, | A. S. Hopkins, |
| R. B. Parten, | J. A. Alexander, |
| G. M. Scarbrough, | R. L. Bethea, |
| W. H. Stephens, | W. A. Sapp, |
| P. T. McGriff, | E. J. Henry. |

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

7:30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor with the same Grand Officers and Delegates as at previous session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Brother A. D. Echols, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M.:

Your Committee beg to submit the following report:

The sculptor sees in the crude marble block the polished form of an angel. His soul delights to chisel until that perfect form is brought out.

“And the house when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building.”
1st Kings: 6-7.

The rough Ashler was taken from the quarry in its natural state, through changing seasons the laborers toiled to prepare it for its place. The square having been applied, it was found that the craftsmen had been faithful. God encouraged by withholding rain in the daytime and by-and-by the house was completed. It was a time of thanksgiving when the King and the people came to the dedication. God filled it with His glory.

What, my Brethren, is the real work of Masonry? Is it not to take men in their crude state and help to prepare them for better and nobler lives? When one is prepared to live he is also ready to die. Were it not that we can say:

“Why do we mourn departed friends
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms,

we would now be in a place of sorrow. However, if our brethren have been made perfect and have taken up their abode with God, should we not be glad for our Father's provision for us?

It is a source of very great gratification that the chain of our active official ranks, has not been broken this year. On November 9, 1907, Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Warden J. H. Estill, of Savannah, passed away. His was not a private life. The public knows of his deeds. They need not be rehearsed here. Besides our Brotherhood, many Georgians feel keenly the loss of his great life. We cannot improve on the Grand Master's beautiful tribute.

From many of the Lodges, the cheering news comes to us, "None of our brethren have left us this year." Last year, from 110 Lodges, we had reported 208 deaths, Macon, No. 5, reporting 13, the highest number; Cherokee, No. 66, and Canton, No. 77, following with 7 each. This year, from 143 Lodges, we have had reported 256 deaths. While it has been a sad one, it has been a great privilege to read the many warm-hearted tributes of respect to these dear departed ones. You may rest assured that their Masonic obligation has not interfered with the duties which they owed to themselves, their families, their country or their God. These several duties they have faithfully performed. They loved the Brotherhood and served it with freedom, fervency and zeal.

Names were reported to us as follows:

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| Benevolent, No. 3 | †Simmons, J. F. | Aug. 2, 1908 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Dixon, W. I. | Sep. 9, 1907 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Taylor, J. M. | Sep. 20, 1907 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Bernd, G. W. | Nov. 29, 1907 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Gibson, A. W. | Feb. 8, 1908 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Dure, Geo. A. | March 18, 1908 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Massenburg, T. L. | March 12, 1908 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Michael, B. | May 9, 1908 |
| Macon, No. 5 | Thomas, J. W. | June 15, 1908 |
| Gate City, No. 2 | Foute, Wm. E. | July 31, 1908 |
| Gate City, No. 2 | Muse, Wm. Presley | Sep. 25, 1908 |
| Columbian, No. 7 | Sheridan, W. F. | Jan. 31, 1908 |
| Columbian, No. 7 | Bennett, C. W. | March 3, 1908 |
| Columbian, No. 7 | Sims, O. H. | Feb. 17, 1908 |
| Columbian, No. 7 | Williams, Geo. R. | Feb. 25, 1908 |
| Columbian, No. 7 | Helton, S. W. | June 1, 1908 |
| Orion, No. 8 | Howell, J. E. | March 7, 1908 |
| Orion, No. 8 | Griffin, B. H. | Sep. 5, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Keck, T. P. | March 11, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Launey, A. R. | Jan. 21, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Abraham, E. S. | Feb. 21, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Folk, I. M. | April 20, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Reppard, R. B. | June 1, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Oppenheimer | June 19, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Smart, H. P. | Sep. 24, 1908 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Rodgers, Wm. | Oct. 8, 1908 |
| Hamilton, No. 16 | Stuckey, W. M. | Dec. 23, 1907 |
| Generous Warren, No. 20 | Bowen, J. H. | July 4, 1908 |
| Generous Warren, No. 20 | Lewis, G. A. | July 6, 1908 |
| Union, No. 28 | †Ferbell, B. C. | |
| Union, No. 28 | Harris, E. H. | |
| Union, No. 28 | Simmons, A. F. | |

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†Over seventy years of age.

††Both fifty years a Mason and over seventy years of age.

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| Union, No. 28 | †Rolland, L. B. | |
| Pythagoras, No. 41 | Trimbell, W. H. | Dec. 29, 1907 |
| West Point, No. 43 | Callaway, | May 11, 1908 |
| West Point, No. 43 | Johnson, T. B. | Aug. 11, 1908 |
| St. John's, No. 45 | Asbell, J. L. | Oct. 12, 1907 |
| St. John's, No. 45 | Rhoden, C. E. | Jan. 9, 1908 |
| St. John's No. 45 | Watkins, R. T. | Nov. 26, 1907 |
| St. John's, No. 45 | Wright, J. R. | Nov. 19, 1907 |
| Gladesville, No. 52 | Grubbs, E. T. | Sep. 12, 1908 |
| Burns, No. 56 | Hix, W. R. | June 12, 1908 |
| Burns, No. 56 | †Eubanks, I. C. | July 20, 1908 |
| Coweta, No. 60 | Askew, John | |
| Coweta, No. 60 | †Beavers, W. H. | |
| Coweta, No. 60 | Broadwater, J. B. | |
| Coweta, No. 60 | Carpenter, R. T. | |
| Coweta, No. 60 | Huffacre, W. H. | |
| Coweta, No. 60 | Murray, S. W. | |
| Coweta, No. 60 | ††Ransom, W. J. | |
| Dawson, No. 68 | Coffee, P. D. | Sep. 15, 1908 |
| Carroll, No. 69 | Birom, Rev. G. S. | May 14, 1908 |
| Carroll, No. 69 | †Martin, J. C. | May 11, 1908 |
| Carroll, No. 69 | Powell, E. H. | June 6, 1908 |
| Goshen, No. 71 | McCarty, J. T. | July 25, 1908 |
| Goshen, No. 71 | Howard, W. A. | |
| Villa Rica, No. 72 | Nally, H. A. | |
| Palmetto, No. 74 | Zellers, H. C. | |
| Palmetto, No. 74 | †Zellers, W. S. | |
| Palmetto, No. 74 | †Cook, J. F. | |
| Laurens, No. 75 | Williams, Geo. W. | Feb. 6, 1908 |
| Canton, No. 77 | Teasley, Wm. A. | April 15, 1908 |
| Oak Bowery, No. 81 | *Miller, David | Feb. 18, 1908 |
| Oak Bowery, No. 81 | Barnes, Brinley | Aug. 20, 1908 |
| Jonesboro, No. 87 | ††Dunson, D. H. | July, 1908 |
| Pinta, No. 88 | Summers, Wm. | Jan. 3, 1908 |
| Lookout, No. 98 | Hammons, D. J. | |
| Dalton, No. 105 | Shumate, I. E. | Sep. 9, 1907 |
| Dalton, No. 105 | Bell, B. E. | Feb. 26, 1908 |
| Dalton, No. 105 | †Pruden, W. H. | July 23, 1908 |
| Summerville, No. 109 | †Cleghorn, John S. | |
| R. E. Lee, No. 111 | ††Smith, Amos | |
| Alleghany, No. 114 | Duncan, W. R. | March 10, 1908 |
| Pine View, No. 119 | Grammage, Homer G. | |
| Mackey, No. 120 | Elrod, W. J. | June 28, 1908 |
| Caledonia, No. 121 | Chamblees, T. E. | Oct. 4, 1907 |

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| Caledonia, No. 121 | †Beck, W. R. | Jan. 4, 1908 |
| Caledonia, No. 121 | †Huntingdon, A. | Feb. 4, 1908 |
| Caledonia, No. 121 | ††Millican, E. F. | Dec. 24, 1907 |
| Mt. Olive, No. 122 | McDonald, G. M. | May 4, 1908 |
| Oak Bowery, No. 81 | †Barker, J. H. | May 20, 1908 |
| Oak Bowery, No. 81 | ††Lawrence, J. H. | Aug. 12, 1908 |
| Furlow, No. 124 | ††Cheek, E. H. | May 4, 1908 |
| Tallapoosa, No. 126 | Taylor, J. J. | Oct. 3, 1908 |
| Camilla, No. 128 | †Walker, J. C. | |
| Fickling, No. 129 | †Hall, J. W. | Jan. 16, 1908 |
| Mt. Moriah, No. 130 | Beadles, R. | Dec. 1907 |
| Andrew M. Wolihin, No. 132 | Brown, G. W. | Jan. 26, 1908 |
| Hunter, No. 134 | Slappey, Jasper M. | May 6, 1908 |
| Fergus, No. 135 | †Booth, J. A. | Dec. 23, 1907 |
| Fergus, No. 135 | Whitworth | Feb. 29, 1908 |
| Fergus, No. 135 | †Tucker, H. Cay | June 23, 1908 |
| Fergus, No. 135 | †Swords, A. J. | June 30, 1908 |
| Pine Log, No. 136 | ††Sullivan, J. N. | March 18, 1908 |
| Pine Log, No. 136 | Leach, Ed. | Oct. 12, 1908 |
| Live Oak, No. 137 | †Kenan, Spaulding | Sep. 5, 1908 |
| Claremont, No. 140 | English, James G. | Oct. 31, 1907 |
| Southwestern, No. 143 | †Coogler, Henry M. | Dec. 1, 1907 |
| Ellerslie, No. 144 | McDonald, W. H. | |
| Kivlin, No. 146 | Nunnally, W. F. | Sep. 23, 1908 |
| Phi Delta, No. 148 | †Furr, S. G. | Aug. 8, 1908 |
| Lexington, No. 158 | ††Reynolds, E. I. | June 5, 1908 |
| Joppa, No. 162 | James, J. | May, 1907 |
| Joppa, No. 162 | Ivey, J. Y. | 1907 |
| Roswell, No. 165 | Sherman, W. E. | Aug. 13, 1908 |
| Roswell, No. 165 | Ellington, J. P. | Aug. 15, 1908 |
| Zabud, No. 175 | McCay, H. J. | |
| Zabud, No. 175 | Coleman, J. L. | |
| Philologia, No. 178 | Sigmond, L. H. | Jan. 20, 1908 |
| Trenton, No. 179 | ††Killian, Noah, | Dec. 1907 |
| Trenton, No. 179 | Long, John | Dec. 1907 |
| Carnesville, No. 186 | ††Holbrook, W. Y. | Dec. 28, 1907 |
| Carnesville, No. 186 | McCarty, John C. | Feb. 1, 1908 |
| Carnesville, No. 186 | Sullivan, R. F. | March 24, 1908 |
| Carnesville, No. 186 | Carmichael, Daniel L. | Sep. 19, 1908 |
| Worth, No. 194 | Alford, C. A. | Sep. 28, 1908 |
| Worth, No. 194 | Jeffers, M. R. | |
| Holmesville, No. 195 | Graham, W. W. | Dec. 19, 1907 |
| Holmesville, No. 195 | Britt, J. A. | Jan. 5, 1908 |
| Holmesville, No. 195 | Crossby, A. M. | March 15, 1908 |
| Holmesville, No. 195 | Lynn, T. L. | April 25, 1908 |

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| Holmesville, No. 195 | Carter, J. I. | Oct. 6, 1908 |
| Tunnel Hill, No. 202 | Ward, Chas. E. | |
| Bowden, No. 206 | Warner, Thos. J. | Feb. 16, 1908 |
| Alapaha, No. 209 | Swilley, W. M. | April 7, 1908 |
| Alapaha, No. 209 | Swilley, T. T. | May 1, 1908 |
| Alpine, No. 211 | Quin, J. M. | July 1908 |
| Alpine, No. 211 | McQuirter | Aug. 1, 1908 |
| Flowery Branch, No. 212 | ††Canning, W. E. | March 18, 1908 |
| Ogeechee, No. 213 | Oloff, J. W. | Nov. 1907 |
| Ogeechee, No. 213 | Cone, F. S. | Sep. 3, 1908 |
| Ocean, No. 214 | †Hooper, Geo. G. | Jan. 14, 1908 |
| Cassia, No. 224 | Strange, Travis J. | June 27, 1908 |
| Duncan, No. 234 | Peeples, L. N. | |
| Duncan, No. 234 | Brown, John T. | May, 1908 |
| Aural, No. 239 | McBryde | |
| Woodstock, No. 246 | Spears, R. B. | |
| Screven, No. 248 | †Ross, James | March 15, 1908 |
| Drakeown, No. 252 | ††Ellis, H. | |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Batchelor, W. M. | Oct. 12, 1907 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Hartz, Jonn | March 26, 1908 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Happ, M. rris | April 13, 1908 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Small, A. B. | July 30, 1908 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Coburn, F. A. | Aug. 8, 1908 |
| Stilesboro, No. 260 | Leake, B. T. | June 26, 1908 |
| Ball Ground, No. 261 | Itzel | Oct. 3, 1908 |
| Damascus, No. 263 | Pullen, W. M. | July 29, 1908 |
| Rabun Gap, No. 265 | Cannon, R. E. | April 22, 1908 |
| Hinesville, No. 271 | †Andrews, H. S. | |
| Z. T. Phelps, No. 284 | Bridgman | Oct. 19, 1908 |
| Douglasville, No. 289 | Camp, B. C. | Oct. 1, 1907 |
| Toombsboro, No. 290 | Boone, Rev. J. N. | Oct. 16, 1908 |
| Toombsboro, No. 290 | Vinson | |
| Cassville, No. 295 | ††Pittard, T. N. | Sep. 10, 1907 |
| Cairo, No. 299 | ††Hawthorn, W. B. | Sep. 4, 1907 |
| Cairo, No. 299 | ††Vanlandingham, E. A. | Nov. 1, 1907 |
| Millican's Creek, No. 302 | McCorkel, C. T. | Aug. 9, 1908 |
| Mt. Hermon, No. 304 | McPhail, C. D. | Dec. 13, 1907 |
| Mt. Hermon, No. 304 | McKee, H. C. | June 3, 1908 |
| Mt. Hermon, No. 304 | Gerrard, L. F. | Aug. 1, 1908 |
| Waycross, No. 305 | Lott, Warren | Dec. 20, 1907 |
| Adel, No. 310 | Truett, Thomas | |
| Meyerhardt, No. 314 | †Foster, J. K. | Dec 27, 1907 |
| Clarksville, No. 325 | Johnson, J. L. | |
| Clarksville, No. 325 | Bean, T. S. | |
| Clarksville, No. 325 | Kimsey, J. J. | |

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| Clarksville, No. 325 | †West, E. P. | Oct. 24, 1908 |
| Waco, No. 332 | Bartlett, J. H. | May 4, 1908 |
| Waco, No. 332 | Morris, J. A. | Sep. 16, 1908 |
| Turin, No. 337 | Davies, H. R. | Dec. 1907 |
| Lyerly, No. 338 | Knox, B. L. | |
| Lyerly, No. 338 | Lee, Joshua J. | |
| Silver City, No. 339 | Pirkle, M. T. | June 9, 1908 |
| Sweat's Mountain, No. 341 | Dobb, J. W. | |
| Handy, No. 343 | †Brown, C. T. | March 2, 1908 |
| John H. Jones, No. 348 | David, Hubert | |
| John H. Jones, No. 348 | Williams, R. G. | |
| Texas, No. 351 | Aubry, J. J. | Nov. 10, 1907 |
| Texas, No. 351 | Lester, O. | Sep. 25, 1907 |
| Texas, No. 351 | Tally, O. A. | April 10, 1908 |
| Pine Level, No. 353 | †Smiley, A. S. | |
| Pine Level No. 353 | ††Kingsley, D. | |
| Pine Level, No. 353 | Brabham, A. H. | |
| Pine Level, No. 353 | Taylor, C. E. | |
| Pine Level, No. 353 | Nicholson, E. | Sep. 18, 1908 |
| Harrison, No. 358 | ††Vickers, Joel D. | Sep. 15, 1908 |
| Washington, No. 359 | *Battle, C. L. | |
| Patillo, No. 360 | ††English J. G. | |
| Thomasville, No. 369 | †Austin, N. J. | Sep. 10, 1908 |
| Ocilla, No. 374 | George, J. B. | |
| Ocilla, No. 374 | Luke, W. J. | Sep. 1908 |
| Madison, No. 376 | Bearden, R. G. | Feb. 2, 1908 |
| Madison, No. 376 | Lemons, Samuel | Feb. 21, 1908 |
| Sirmons, No. 378 | Register, S. W. | June, 1908 |
| Doles, No. 379 | McMillan, Daniel | Feb. 14, 1908 |
| Doles, No. 379 | McLeod, F. J. | June 6, 1908 |
| Doles, No. 379 | Sumner, J. L. | July 6, 1908 |
| Moultrie, No. 381 | Dukes, W. B. | Sep. 3, 1907 |
| Moultrie, No. 381 | Veal, J. R. | March 25, 1908 |
| Moultrie, No. 381 | Bridges, W. B. | July 13, 1908 |
| Yonah, No. 382 | Allison, H. A. | Jan. 21, 1908 |
| Yonah, No. 382 | †Dean, Rev. James M. | Feb. 10, 1908 |
| Yonah, No. 382 | †Bell, J. C. | Sep. 8, 1908 |
| Yonah, No. 382 | †O'Kelly, W. W. | Aug. 12, 1908 |
| Dover, No. 383 | Turner, Jack | Oct. 26, 1908 |
| Reuben Jones, No. 388 | ††Brisco, T. | April 7, 1908 |
| Reuben Jones, No. 388 | Clayton, S. T. | Aug. 3, 1908 |
| White House, No. 392 | Bower, J. A. | |
| White House, No. 392 | †Fory, C. W. | |
| Kingston, No. 394 | Law, James W. | Feb. 1908 |
| High Shoals, No. 297 | Lovern, W. C. | |
| Forrest, No. 399 | †Cochran, J. S. | |

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| Centralhatchee, No. 403 | Hanson, R. L. | Nov. 19, 1907 |
| Shannon, No. 404 | McCordy, W. S. | |
| Shannon, No. 404 | Butler, Wm. P. | |
| Bay View, No. 410 | Wilkinson, C. N. | April 7, 1908 |
| Stephens, No. 414 | Erwin, Dr. Geo. C. | June 12, 1907 |
| Woodbury, No. 420 | Long, R. M. | July 1908 |
| Woodbury, No. 420 | Holmes, J. C. | Sep. 1908 |
| Norman, No. 422 | Moon, W. H. | Feb. 28, 1908 |
| Long Cane, No. 424 | †Williams, Amzi | |
| Oakwood, No. 425 | Thomas, Rev. Joseph | |
| Royston, No. 426 | ††Rucker, Burton | Sep. 29, 1908 |
| Amity, No. 427 | Haygood, W. T. | Nov. 23, 1907 |
| Amity, No. 427 | Knight, W. T. | Oct. 15, 1908 |
| Milltown, No. 434 | Vickers, Matthew | July 3, 1908 |
| Lookout Mountain, No. 445 | Parker, F. S. | Dec. 31, 1907 |
| College Park, No. 454 | Bond, J. C. | Sep. 1908 |
| Lindale, No. 455 | Foster, M. B. | |
| Wellington, No. 467 | ††Few, J. C. | July 10, 1908 |
| Gordon, No. 481 | †McKee, G. H. | March 31, 1908 |
| Butler, No. 493 | Thomas, James M. | Feb. 29, 1908 |
| Eton, No. 509 | Tredwell, S. G. | June 5, 1908 |
| Chapel, No. 511 | †Finch, J. T. | July 25, 1908 |
| Kelly, No. 514 | Willbanks, Thomas | |
| Subligna, No. 518 | †Bowman, J. A. | April 2, 1908 |
| Brooklet, No. 525 | Davis, I. T. | |
| Haralson, No. 142 | †Hutchenson, Benj. | Feb. 22, 1908 |
| Folkston, No. 196 | Haddock, G. W. | Feb. 13, 1908 |
| Folkston, No. 196 | Stallings, J. P. | May 3, 1908 |
| Senoia, No. 221 | Ferguson, Wm. E. | |
| Senoia, No. 221 | Reece, Thos. J. | |
| Alleghany, No. 114 | Wellborn, C. J. | April, 1908 |
| Concord, No. 401 | ††Strickland, M. E. | |
| Concord, No. 401 | Grier, E. T. | |
| Lumber City, No. 199 | Mims, J. W. | |
| Lumber City, No. 199 | Brewer, W. A. | |
| Lumber City, No. 199 | Cheney, B. B. | |
| Lumber City, No. 199 | Clements, L. P. | |
| Sixes, No. 282 | Delay, J. M. | |
| Sixes, No. 282 | Edwards, W. A. | |
| Ohoopee, No. 366 | †Meadows, J. W. | July 3, 1908 |
| Hartsfield, No. 406 | Akridge, C. R. | July, 1908 |
| Sale City, No. 472 | ††Gregory, R. B. F. | June, 1908 |

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Seville, No. 384Colyer, J. W.June 8, 1908
J. M. Davis, A. R. Bolin, G. M. Bullock.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. ECHOLS, *Chairman*,
A. J. MORGAN,
A. S. HOPKINS,
P. H. MILTON,
G. P. BRASWELL,
J. S. L. SAPPINGTON,
A. G. VILLEE,
TROY BEATY,
G. F. HUCKABEE,
J. M. CANTRELL,
R. B. O. ENGLAND,
J. M. DeFOOR,
I. T. KEY,
M. J. HORN.

COLLECTION FOR GEORGIA INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Brother J. O. Harris, Manager, addressed the Grand Lodge in behalf of the Georgia Industrial Home. A collection was taken up of \$92.04 for the benefit of this institution.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR THE MASONIC HOME.

Brother W. A. Goodyear requested that a collection be taken up for a Thanksgiving dinner at the Home. Amount collected, \$66.85.

MILEAGE GRANTED.

On motion, Brother L. D. Carpenter, of the Mileage Committee, was granted his mileage for attending this Communication.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OAK BOWERY
LODGE, NO. 81.

Brother I. A. Bush, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee appointed to investigate the charges made against

Oak Bowery Lodge, No. 81, situated in Ellijay, Gilmer County, in which Lodge, by virtue of a petition filed with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, an edict was issued by him dated September 25, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, in which the charter of said Lodge was suspended and the Lodge cited to come forward and show cause at this session of the Grand Lodge why said edict of suspension should not be made permanent, submit the following report:

We have thoroughly investigated all the charges contained in the original petition and have had oral testimony submitted. We have gone farther and even admitted ex-parte statements and affidavits for the sole reason that your Committee might obtain all the facts and arrive at the truth of the charges made, and as a result of our investigation we find that not a single charge as made in the petition was sustained by the proof before the Committee, with the single sole exception of the charge made against the Past Master in said Lodge in which the charge was habitually using profane language. This, the Past Master denied, but did admit that he occasionally used profanity, and for which he expressed deep regret and contrition, and promised to keep closer guard over his utterances in the future. We find that some of the alleged charges were based on occurrences which happened in Gilmer County eighteen years ago, and after a thorough and searching investigation, that no charges have been made against the present officers of Oak Bowery Lodge; and, in view of all the facts submitted to your Committee, we recommend that the edict issued to suspend the charter of Oak Bowery Lodge, No. 81, situated in Ellijay, Gilmer County, be revoked, and that the Lodge be restored to its former status prior to the filing of said charges.

We endorse the action of the Grand Master in suspending the Lodge on the prima-facie case made as submitted to him.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

I. A. BUSH, *Chairman*,
P. H. COMAS,
FRANK F. BAKER,
W. S. ROCKWELL,
JOHN T. HARRISON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Brother George D. Rucker, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We, your Committee on By-Laws, beg to make the following report:

We have examined the By-Laws of the following Lodges and find them correct:

Subligna Lodge, No. 518.
Beach Lodge, No. 520.
Newton Lodge, U. D.
Satilla Lodge, No. 163.
Primrose Lodge, No. 79.
Cecil Lodge, No. 516.
Davitte Lodge, No. 513.
Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41.
Bogart Lodge, No. 507.
Buckhead Lodge, No. 461.
Bethel Lodge, No. 515.

We approve the Amendments offered by Millford Lodge, No. 181, amending Sec. 8, Art. 1; Sec. 1, Art. 3; Sec. 2, Art. 2; Sec. 6, Art. 4; and Sec. 2, Art. 4.

We recommend that the hour of meeting be filled in, in the By-Laws of Camden, Lodge, No. 476.

We recommend that the word "not" in Chapter 8, Sec. 3, of the By-Laws of Dorminy's Mill Lodge, No. 286, be stricken.

We recommend that Sec. 4, Chapt. 8, of the By-Laws of Tarrytown Lodge, No. 526, be stricken, as it is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the spirit of Masonry.

In regard to communication from High Falls Lodge, No. 183, in reference to change of time of meeting, we beg to refer the officers and brethren of said Lodge to Section 5, page 234, third edition of Akin's Manual for law governing this matter.

In regard to the By-Laws of Martin Lodge, No. 517, we suggest a change of verbiage of Section relative to voting so as to make same conform to the By-Laws adopted by the Grand Lodge for the use of subordinate Lodges.

The copy of the By-Laws sent in by the applicants of Bethlehem Lodge, which was granted a charter at this session, is so full of errors that we recommend that they adopt the standard By-Laws as recommended by the Grand Lodge for the use of subordinate Lodges.

We approve the Amendments to the By-Laws of Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.

We recommend that the word "fine" in Section 5, Chapter 7, of the By-Laws of Morris Lodge, No. 527, be stricken.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. D. RUCKER, *Chairman*,
R. P. ADAMS,
WILLIAM I. WILSON,
P. B. LATIMER.

COLLECTION FOR MASONIC HOME.

Right Worshipful George M. Napier, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge that hereafter each subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, during the time of its meeting at which the annual election of officers is held, shall give each member present the opportunity to make a free-will offering for the Masonic Home of Georgia. The moneys so collected shall be forwarded by the Secretary of each Lodge to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Masonic Home, and the same shall be expended for the benefit of the Home under the direction of the Board of Trustees for the Masonic Home of Georgia.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Most Worshipful James W. Taylor, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to submit the following report:

We have had referred to us the decisions of the Grand Master and find them all in conformity to the laws of this Jurisdiction, and therefore endorse them.

Your Committee feel very much gratified to find the Craft generally so well informed on the laws and usages of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and feel that this happy condition of the Craft is due to the marked intelligence of the officers of the subordinate Lodges, coupled with the untiring efforts of your Grand Master and his corps of Grand Officers in diffusing light amongst the Craft.

Faternally submitted,

JAMES W. TAYOR, *Chairman*,
MAX MEYERHARDT,
Y. A. WRIGHT.

ENDORSEMENT OF BROTHER F. M. POWERS.

Brother Frank Wilby submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the report as submitted to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, dated Oct. 17, be accepted and approved by this Grand Lodge, that we earnestly recommend and endorse Brother F. M. Powers, (a member of this Grand Lodge) to the earnest consideration of the Craft throughout the State and that same be published in Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1908.

ATANTA, GA., Oct. 17, 1908.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
Fulton Lodge, No. 216:*

BRETHREN—As your Committee appointed to report to the Lodge in regard to Past Master F. M. Powers, beg to advise the following:

Brother Powers studied law in this city, matriculated with the Atlanta Law School, from which he graduated with first honor in the class of 1900.

He was a member of the law firm of Alexander & Powers, having formed partnership with Hon. Hooper Alexander. This partnership continued until he was compelled to retire on account of failing sight.

In the early part of 1900, he filed his application for membership in Fulton Lodge; in 1904, he served as Worshipful Master. In 1905, Brother Powers, at his own expense, compiled, for the benefit of the Craft, the name of every Mason in this County, placing same in alphabetical order, with full Masonic record of each brother.

Brother Powers has been an active member of the Craft since his admission into the fraternity; his loyalty to the institution, has, at all times, been of the highest order, his earnestness in the work, has, on many occasions, received unstinted praise from the members of this Lodge.

Being absolutely blind and entirely dependent upon his own resources for a sustenance, he has decided to travel the State of Georgia, and sister States, soliciting subscriptions for the Masonic Herald, a publication which is well known and has received the endorsement of practically all the Grand Lodges of the South.

In addition to this subscription work, he has procured a copyrighted Chart, which is 20x26 inches in size, elaborately engrossed and affords ample space for the record of a brother's Masonic career. Your Committee has especially examined the merits of this Chart and recommend same to the members of the fraternity.

Fulton Lodge sympathizes with Brother Powers in the sad affliction that has befallen him. We earnestly recommend him to the consideration of the Craft, he is worthy of the confidence and esteem of all. We further recommend that a copy of this report be furnished the next communication of the Grand Lodge of this State (of which Brother Powers is a member) asking their co-operation by recommending him to the fraternity and asking, in his behalf, for the consideration of all Lodges and members that he may communicate with or visit.

Faternally submitted,

FRANK WILBY, *Chairman*,
LEVI COHEN,
F. M. GALBRAITH.

CHARGES OF UNMASONIC CONDUCT DISMISSED.

In the matter of the charges preferred against W. J. Clements, T. J. Allen, H. R. Tarver and J. T. Talley at the last Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the Junior Grand Warden regularly called the cases for trial in accordance with the resolution passed.

Statements were made by and in behalf of the accused brethren, and after entering fully into the matter, the Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Junior Grand Warden, ordered that all of the charges be dismissed.

Upon recommendation of the Junior Grand Warden witnesses in these several cases who were summoned to be present at the Grand Lodge meeting and who were not representing this respective Lodge, were allowed the regular mileage and per diem allowed to Representatives of Lodges.

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 8:30 tomorrow morning:

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Oct. 29, 8:30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, Grand Officers and Delegates as at previous session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

Brother M. A. Weir, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Grand Lodge Property beg to submit their annual report as follows:

On Oct. 1, 1907, the lease system of the Grand Lodge property expired and the Chairman of this Committee took charge of the property on Nov. 9, 1907. Since then the following rents have been collected and promptly turned over to the Grand Treasurer, for which we have his receipts in full.

Previous to this Committee's assuming charge of the property, the rents for the month of October fell due, and were promptly collected by the former Committee, and are included in this report as receipts from all sources for the year.

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| Received from rent of Dr. Barron's office..... | \$ 112 50 |
| Received from rent of small building in rear..... | 198 00 |
| Received from rent of two stores..... | 1,080 00 |
| Total | \$1,390 50 |
| Rents collected for month of October, 1907, by former | |
| Committee | \$ 150 50 |
| Total | \$1,541 00 |

The following very necessary repairs have been made :

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| A new division fence in the rear of the Temple | \$ 17 00 |
| New galvanized cap on flue, Dr. Barron's office..... | 8 00 |
| Repair to closet in Grand Treasurer's office | 12 25 |
| New glass in skylight over Dr. Barron's office and new glass in building in back yard..... | 6 19 |
| Roof paper to repair roof in back yard..... | 1 75 |
| Repairs to elevator in Huhn's store | 3 00 |
| Work done in Grand Lodge room as follows : | |
| Put in 18 new sash cords, 2 new sash in Lodge room, repaired floor in Grand Secretary's office, 15 large glass in Lodge room, repaired 5 old sash, built one set shelving, built lattice work over closet on second floor | 23 35 |
| Cleaning up closets after Grand Chapter meeting | 2 00 |
| Telephone service to Eatonton and Atlanta after fire..... | 2 60 |
| Repairs on roof of building | 5 75 |
| Putting down new floor in building in the rear | 38 64 |
| Repairs to electric light in Grand Secretary's office | 3 45 |
| New galvanized cap on flue over office | 7 00 |
| Repairing roof over stairway | 2 00 |
| Repapering part of stairway to Grand Lodge room..... | 38.00 |
| Making cabinet closets for Grand Treasurer's office..... | 5 25 |
| Total | \$ 167 64 |

Early on Sunday morning, July 26, fire was discovered in one of the stores occupied by Mr. C. Huhn, and only by a miracle was the building saved from complete destruction. On careful examination we found that no serious damage was done to the building.

The insurance adjusters were promptly on the ground and your Committee secured the services of a competent contracting firm. After carefully going over the ground in all its details, a satisfactory agreement was reached and the insurance promptly paid, which was \$2,525.58.

Your Committee immediately waited on the Grand Master and after thoughtful consideration of all details and acting under his instructions, we made a contract with the adjusters to replace the building as it was before the fire for the amount of insurance recovered, and the work has been about completed. We have not been able to secure tenants for these stores for two reasons, namely :

First. Every business firm in Macon knows full well that the Grand Lodge of Georgia contemplates making a change either to remodel this building or to build a new Temple, and with the prospects of renting only from month to month, has made it impossible to secure a reliable or desirable tenant.

Second. The Masonic building, both offices and stores, viewed from a commercial standpoint, has outlived its usefulness, and business people of today look for more commodious and modern conveniences.

To go further into details, the floor in both stores is now twenty-four inches above the level of the sidewalk, and necessitates climbing three steps. These floors should be lowered to the level of the sidewalk like all modern store buildings.

The sanitary conditions of the stores are old and out of date, and in our judgment should be changed. In fact, we have been compelled to take out one of the closets in consequence thereof, which leaves one store without any closet arrangement whatever. The arrangement by which the building is supplied with water is a source of annoyance both to the water company and the occupants of the building. The supply to the entire building depends on one feed pipe alone, and to cut off water in either store on the first floor cuts off the entire supply. In any event, this should be changed at once, thereby relieving this Grand Body of the expense of water rent where the many closets upstairs and unoccupied stores down stairs are not in use.

While Mr. Huhn occupied both stores his water rent was promptly paid, so we did not have any trouble in that direction, but now it is ours to deal with and provide for.

The main roof of the Temple must be painted as soon as possible. It has needed it for some time. We have had several bad leaks to repair, and unless it is painted soon much damage will result from the delay. All window frames on the back and alley side of the building are in need of immediate repair, all outside woodwork should be painted as soon as possible. Many of the large and expensive window sash are rotten, caused by not being kept repaired and painted, and it is not possible to keep the glass in the sash, nor was it possible to satisfactorily clean these windows for the meeting of your Honorable Body on account of the frail condition of these sash. These are large and expensive glass and are continually falling out and must be repaired.

A visit to the vacant rooms on the second floor will fully demonstrate the fact that many repairs must be made before they are fit to rent for office rooms. Both woodwork and walls would be much benefited by paint and kalsomine.

This brings us to the present conditions of the small brick building in the rear of the Temple. If it is the wish of this Grand Body to continue the use of this building for revenue, it must have a new roof at once, and be repaired suitable for renting purposes before we can expect anyone to occupy it for business, the present incumbent stays only under protest and awaits some action of this Grand Body as to the future.

Your Committee has done its best to keep the property rented without making any extensive repairs, awaiting the report of your Building Committee at this session.

Having had charge of the public school buildings of Bibb County for fourteen years, and having carefully studied the conditions and details of this Grand Lodge property, the Chairman of your Committee is qualified to make an accurate report on the same.

Faternally submitted,

M. A. WEIR, *Chairman*,
W. S. SMITH,
LEVI COHEN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE.

Brother C. M. Tyson, for the Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted, as amended :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :

Your Committee on General Welfare respectfully submits the following report :

That part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address appertaining to the official duties performed by him during the past year, and showing the nomination of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, dispensations granted to lay corner-stones, dispensations to Lodges to which charters had been granted by the last Grand Lodge, dispensations for new Lodges and to constitute Lodges as well as a vast number of miscellaneous dispensations, all in conformity with Masonic law, has greatly impressed your Committee with the magnitude of the work that devolves upon our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and with the very able and satisfactory manner in which he has disposed of the same.

In reference to his official visitations, far exceeding the number of official visitations of any previous year, we cannot but express our great appreciation of his acts as showing his great zeal and untiring efforts in thus advancing the general welfare and cause of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

With reference to the alleged jewel of Past Grand Master Wright, we recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be made a committee of one, with discretionary power to act, to secure the said jewel, should he decide that the same is the bona fide jewel of Past Grand Master Wright.

Your Committee on General Welfare to whom was referred the resolution of Brother J. B. Park, (printed on Page 117 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1907) do hereby recommend that the first paragraph of the resolution, which reads as follows : "That in future annual communications of the Grand Lodge, that each Lodge in the State shall be entitled to one representative for each fifty members or fractional part thereof," be not adopted.

Recognizing, however, an urgent necessity for some measure that will give us the means of advancing the cause of Masonry, we recommend the adoption of the second paragraph of said resolution as amended by your Committee, and which as amended, reads as follows : "That from and after the close of this Annual Communication, that the Grand Lodge of this State shall not pay mileage nor per diem to any Master or Past Master, except to the accredited Representative of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction, and to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State."

Your Committee heartily endorses the suggestion of the Grand Master, and recommends that a committee be appointed by the Grand Master to make the necessary revision of the Masonic Code, bringing the same up

to date, and that said committee complete its labors as soon as possible, and that when completed that at least three (3) copies of the same be sent to each subordinate Lodge within this Jurisdiction.

Amended by Brother J. L. Gilmore as follows:

Resolved, That all that part of the report relating to the payment of mileage and per diem, to Masters and Past Masters, be laid on the table and referred to the various subordinate Lodges, with the request that their Masters and Past Masters be instructed to cast their vote in accordance with the wishes of the Lodge they represent, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. HENRY, *Chairman*,
CHAS. M. TYSON,
J. L. LOVVERN,
G. S. KELLEY,
M. J. PEARCE,
JOHN H. CANTRELL,
H. G. EDENFIED,
T. A. SHIPP,
O. E. LANCASTER,
J. A. BISHOP,
J. B. CRAWFORD,
B. F. INGRAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Brother Joe P. Bowdoin, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We, your Committee on Returns, beg leave to submit the following:

Two hundred and forty-eight Lodges paid their dues by October 1st, and even of this number, two-thirds were incorrect in their returns.

The Grand Secretary's office gives the following numbers as not having made returns for 1903, at the beginning of this session:

Nos. 10, 20, 23, 51, 56, 160, 301, 308, 321, 326, 365, 398, 440, 443, 467 and 491.

Fifty-seven Lodges coming in after session began, were found correct by the Committee.

We have been able to correct fifty-nine returns, with and without aid of Masters. Of the 106 posted Lodges, twenty-eight Masters failed to respond to the Committee's call and their reports have been referred back to Grand Secretary's office for adjustment.

The condition of the Lodges is such that no Lodges are defaulters or in arrears for two years; so, no charters are forfeited.

Bartlett, No. 139, and Blackshear, No. 270, could not be corrected with Masters' aid. We recommend that the matter be taken up with Grand Secretary and some basis be started for correct returns.

In matter of Moultrie Lodge, No. 381, we recommend that the returns for 1908 be a basis for future returns, as the Secretary of said Lodge has gone carefully through roll book and former returns for five years, and the returns cannot be checked.

Nos. 221, 408, 508 and 519, we recommend be taken up with Grand Secretary for adjustment.

The following numbers were sent back for correction and have not been returned to Grand Secretary's office, or were not in the hands of Committee at the beginning of the session: Nos. 8, 28, 94, 101, 135, 152, 165, 245, 287, 331, 414, 421, 437, 439, 478 and 514.

The Masters of these promise to see that the returns come immediately.

No. 244. The matter has been referred to Brother F. H. Saffold for adjustment by the Committee.

No. 221 has been referred to J. P. Bowdoin for adjustment.

We find the following returns not signed by Master nor Secretary, and have no seals: Nos. 458 and 496; not signed by Master, No. 178.

The following Lodges send returns without seal: Nos. 31, 45, 62, 171, 179, 249, 366, 471, 497, 514 and 525. These fatal defects are easily remedied, and returns are not legal, as no paper coming officially from a Lodge can be accepted without seal, so these are sent back to the Lodges for seal and signature.

We recommend that Masters and Secretaries carefully look over their returns before sending. Compare with roll book, which ought to be kept for reference. Then the many errors now coming in might be avoided.

We again recommend that the returns should be kept in a depository, safe from fire, as they contain the most accurate history of Georgia Masonry.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary, in sending back returns to subordinate Lodges for correction, do so by registered mail and notify Masters of such Lodges that returns are incorrect, and in case of failure to comply with request of Grand Secretary, that he deposit registry receipts with Committee on Returns.

Many of the Lodges do not enter dates of their work on their returns, nor date of deaths, suspensions, etc.

We return thanks to Grand Secretary and assistant for courtesies rendered.

J. P. BOWDOIN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit to you herewith a statement of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer and Secretary, and find them in perfect accord with each other.

Each of these officers is deserving and painstaking and brings to the duties of his position a thorough knowledge of its requirements and a devotion beyond criticism. This Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the fact that these very important offices are administered by men of such marked ability.

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| At the last communication there was on hand a balance of | \$33,088 56 |
| Received during the year from rents | 1,541 00 |
| Received during the year, interest on daily balances | 497 87 |
| Received during the year from Grand Secretary | 33,438 55 |
| Received during the year, insurance on fire loss | 2,525 58 |
| Received during the year, error in old pay roll | 6 30 |
| Making a grand total to be accounted for of | \$71,097 86 |
| There have been paid out on proper authority as itemized below | \$33,992 94 |
| Leaving a net balance on hand of | \$37,004 92 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Pay roll—1907 | \$18,602 12 |
| Stenographer | 12 00 |
| Organist | 30 00 |
| Use of piano | 10 00 |
| Janitor at Auditorium | 10 00 |
| Badges | 307 50 |
| Conveyances to Masonic Home | 312 35 |
| Painting portraits | 200 00 |
| R. M. Crump, by order of Grand Lodge | 6 00 |
| A. M. Wolihin Lodge, No. 132, by order of Grand Lodge | 45 00 |
| Kite Lodge, No. 327, by order of Grand Lodge | 6 00 |
| Wm. Kellar, by order of Grand Lodge | 1,000 00 |
| Court costs in O'Shields case | 10 10 |
| Attorney's fee in O'Shields case | 25 00 |
| Burrough's adding machine | 375 00 |
| Committee on Foreign Correspondence | 150 00 |
| Committee on Grand Lodge Property | 100 00 |
| Jury exemption Grand Secretary | 25 00 |
| Expense account amount on Memorials | 6 80 |

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| Premium on Grand Treasurer's bond..... | \$ 7 50 |
| Premium on Grand Secretary's bond..... | 7 50 |
| Plans for barn at Home | 25 00 |
| Barn and materials at Home..... | 880 00 |
| Repairing building after fire..... | 1,000 00 |
| Printing Proceedings, express and postage..... | 809 31 |
| Macon R'y and Light Co.—extending wire to Home..... | 642 63 |
| Masonic Home | 3,882 49 |
| State and County tax, 1908 | 130 00 |
| City tax, 1908..... | 156 25 |
| Grand Master's appropriation | 900 00 |
| Grand Treasurer's salary | 900 00 |
| Grand Treasurer's office expense | 33 72 |
| Grand Secretary's salary | 1,500 00 |
| Grand Secretary's office expense | 222 78 |
| Grand Secretary's office supplies | 198 75 |
| Janitor Grand Secretary's office | 100 00 |
| Janitor for building | 51 20 |
| Home Trustees..... | 293 05 |
| District Deputies..... | 437 75 |
| Fire insurance..... | 240 94 |
| Improvement and repairs on building | 167 64 |
| Heating and plumbing and lighting | 101 65 |
| Telephone rent and supplies | 56 71 |
| Expense account Finance Committee last year..... | 12 75 |
| Macon Telegraph Publishing Company for advertising..... | 2 45 |
| Total..... | \$33,992 94 |

We have carefully considered that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to finances. While there are not any matters therein that call for special action by this Committee, we are constrained to commend that portion of it defining the word surplus. There is a wide distinction between "surplus" and "the amount in the treasury," and this distinction should not be lost sight of. We must further commend the Grand Master for the economical administration of the fund allotted to him for the conduct of his office.

We think that the making of forty-three visitations to all sections of the State from the border line of South Carolina to the Florida boundary, the payment of his stenographer, postage and other incidental expenses within the sum of nine hundred dollars is deserving of more than passing mention.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be set aside for the expenses of the Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and in this connection we suggest that the law which at present only allows one

hundred dollars for this purpose, be changed to conform to the custom that has obtained for several years.

We recommend that one hundred dollars be paid the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Property.

We recommend that twenty-five dollars be allowed the Grand Secretary and sixteen dollars be allowed the Grand Treasurer for necessary assistance during this session of the Grand Lodge.

We recommend that twelve dollars be paid the stenographer for services rendered during this session.

We recommend that hereafter the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Property be required to prepare the Grand Lodge room or other place selected for the various communications of the Grand Lodge and that the Grand Tyler be paid ten dollars per day for his services, this latter clause to be of effect this session.

We recommend that two dollars be refunded to the Lodge at Dahlonga, this amount having been over-paid by them. For the same reason we recommend that a like amount be returned to Metter Lodge, No. 435.

We recommend that A. E. Keese be paid his per diem for 1907 and 1908, his omission from the returns being an error that has been rectified.

We recommend that W. P. Arnold Lodge, No. 32, be relieved of its dues for 1905, it appearing that the cash was forwarded by them to the Grand Secretary, but that an unfortunate accident caused its non-receipt.

We recommend that hereafter the voucher system of payment be adopted by this Grand Lodge. It is more up-to-date and business-like, will lighten the labors of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, and do away with the keeping of irregular bills and small scraps of paper which are now often kept as receipts.

We find that certain brethren, to-wit: J. S. Davitte, of Aragon Lodge, No. 513; R. G. Luke, of Cecil Lodge, No. No. 516; E. A. Harris, of Midville Lodge, No. 521, overdrew the amounts due them at the last communication \$7.10, \$6.70 and \$4.75 respectively. These Lodges were chartered at the last session of the Grand Lodge and the brethren in question were only entitled to return mileage. We recommend that these several amounts be charged against and collected from the Lodges named.

The recent fire in the Grand Lodge property has emphasized the risk we are running of having our records destroyed. These records are invaluable, if burned, no amount of money could replace them. We recommend, therefore, that sufficient space be secured in some safety deposit vaults of the City of Macon to store all valuable papers, such as returns, deeds, bonds, etc., and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to perfect such an arrangement as soon as possible after the close of this Grand Communication.

Supplementing this recommendation, we find that even the Grand Lodge has not a complete file of its own Proceedings. This is very much to be lamented and should be remedied as far as possible. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to complete the file

as far as possible, by correspondence with Masonic collectors and all other legitimate means, and that the Proceedings be bound into volumes of suitable size, these bound volumes also to be stored in the safety vaults above referred to.

We disapprove of the custom that has prevailed for a couple of years of paying to exempt the Grand Secretary from jury duty. We believe that good Masons should be good citizens, and as good citizens should perform all civic duties, we therefore recommend that this practice be discontinued.

We have considered the resolutions referred to us to appropriate \$2,000 to the establishment of a permanent charity fund. Your Committee regrets that they must disapprove this resolution. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge will not warrant the appropriation at this time. With a demand for a new Temple staring us in the face, and certain additions to the Home an absolute necessity, we believe that prudence and foresight demand that these paramount matters should first be taken care of.

The report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Property is deserving of serious consideration. The recent fire has deprived us of a tenant for our stores, and they are now vacant. Very expensive improvements are necessary before it will become desirable renting property.

In addition, the building itself is in a serious condition. To make all the changes necessary would entail an expenditure of about three thousand dollars. The building is not at all fitted for Grand Lodge uses, and could not be remodeled to make it at all desirable.

We therefore recommend that a permanent Board of Trustees be created to be known as Temple Trustees, and that they be empowered to sell the present Grand Lodge property, and purchase a lot in the City of Macon suitable for Temple purposes. These Trustees to give bond for the faithful performance of their duty, the expense of these bonds to be borne by the Grand Lodge. They shall also be empowered to invest the funds remaining in their hands after the purchase of the lot aforesaid, upon sufficient security, and that this fund be made a nucleus for the accumulation of a Temple Fund, and under no circumstances to be diverted to any other purpose.

Your Committee believes that the present Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home is too large and should be reduced. In its opinion there is not any good reason why all the elective Grand Officers should be on the Board, nor why the Grand High Priest, the Grand Illustrious Master, the Grand Commander or the Grand Worthy Matron should be members of it. The bodies of which these officials are the head are all Masons, and as such, are represented by this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and the heads of the four co-ordinate bodies mentioned be dropped from the Board.

Your Committee has made many recommendations, but believe them all for the best interests of Symbolic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and submit this report as the result of their best efforts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE HOME FUND.

| 1907. | | DEBIT. | |
|-------|-----|---|-----------|
| Oct. | 31, | Cash on hand per last report..... | \$ 538 34 |
| Oct. | 31, | Gate City Lodge, No. 2..... | 100 00 |
| Nov. | 11, | J. L. Mack, Sec. and Treas. Board of Trustees | 28 98 |
| Dec. | 9, | Christmas offering, Cross Lodge, No. 173 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 9, | Phi Delta Lodge, No. 148 | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 10, | Trion Lodge, No. 160 | 6 00 |
| Dec. | 11, | Gate City Lodge, No. 2 | 16 00 |
| Dec. | 14, | Thomasville Lodge, No. 369..... | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 16, | Yaarab Temple A. A. O. N. M. S..... | 250 00 |
| Dec. | 16, | Summertown Lodge, No. 264 | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 16, | Coolidge Lodge, No. 504 | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 16, | Zingara Lodge, No. 519..... | 1 60 |
| Dec. | 17, | Coleman Lodge, No. 396 | 3 20 |
| Dec. | 17, | Bay View Lodge, 410 | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 17, | Cornelia Lodge, No. 92 | 2 59 |
| Dec. | 17, | Waynesboro Lodge, No. 274 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 18, | Sand Hill Lodge, No. 350 | 2 30 |
| Dec. | 18, | Bolton Lodge, No. 416 | 8 35 |
| Dec. | 18, | Darley Lodge, No. 17..... | 5 75 |
| Dec. | 18, | Lithonia Lodge, No. 84 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 18, | Alpharetta Lodge, No. 235..... | 2 10 |
| Dec. | 18, | Oostanaula Lodge, No. 113 | 6 00 |
| Dec. | 18, | New River Lodge, No. 94..... | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 19, | Pinehurst Lodge, No. 473..... | 6 31 |
| Dec. | 19, | Dawson Lodge, No. 68 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Lenox Lodge, No. 437 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Ball Ground Lodge, No. 261 | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Davitt Lodge, No. 513 | 2 40 |
| Dec. | 21, | Martin Lodge, No. 517 | 3 00 |
| Dec. | 23, | Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 411 | 3 00 |
| Dec. | 23, | Burns Lodge, No. 56 | 4 35 |
| Dec. | 23, | Eastman Lodge, 279 | 2 40 |
| Dec. | 23, | Simon Holt Lodge, No. 218 | 2 50 |
| Dec. | 23, | M. B. Council Lodge, No. 95..... | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 23, | John H. Felts Lodge, No. 29 | 2 17 |
| Dec. | 24, | Hartsfield Lodge, No. 406 | 4 75 |
| Dec. | 24, | Nelms Lodge, No. 323 | 3 50 |
| Dec. | 24, | Gibson Lodge, No. 257..... | 2 50 |
| Dec. | 24, | Georgia Lodge, No. 96, 5th annual payment | 100 00 |
| Dec. | 24, | Horeb Lodge, No. 281 | 20 00 |
| Dec. | 25, | Hogansville Lodge, No. 93..... | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 25, | Metcalf Lodge, No. 496 | 2 50 |
| Dec. | 25, | Marble Hill Lodge, No. 207 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 25, | St. Johns Lodge, No. 45 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 25, | Pine View Lodge, No. 119 | 5 00 |

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| Dec. | 25, | Tallapoosa Lodge, No. 126..... | \$ 3 36 |
| Dec. | 25, | W. D. Luckie Lodge, No. 89 | 25 30 |
| Dec. | 25, | Palestine Lodge, No. 486 | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 26, | Bartow Lodge, No. 462 | 6 00 |
| Dec. | 26, | Few Lodge, No. 329 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 27, | Hamby Lodge, No. 446 | 2 25 |
| Dec. | 27, | Kennesaw Lodge, No. 33 | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 27, | Pelham Lodge, No. 312 | 7 52 |
| Dec. | 28, | Vienna Lodge, No. 324 | 25 00 |
| Dec. | 28, | Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15 | 25 00 |
| Dec. | 30, | P. T. Schley Lodge, No. 229 | 20 36 |
| Dec. | 30, | Americus Lodge, No. 13 | 13 45 |
| Dec. | 30, | Hollingsworth Lodge, No. 355 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 30, | Latham Lodge, No. 12 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 30, | Ashler Lodge, No. 203 | 1 00 |
| 1908. | | | |
| Jan. | 2, | Henry C. Burr Lodge, No. 431 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 3, | J. N. Talley, Trustee R. H. Plant, bankrupt | 30 73 |
| Jan. | 4, | Jasper Lodge, No. 50 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 4, | January coupons LaGrange bonds | 40 00 |
| Jan. | 4, | J. M. Rushin Chapter, R. A. M., No. 23 | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 6, | Acworth Lodge, No. 176 | 5 24 |
| Jan. | 7, | Clinton Lodge, No. 54 | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 10, | Baconton Lodge, No. 451 | 4 35 |
| Jan. | 10, | Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 304 | 22 28 |
| Jan. | 11, | Alleghany Lodge, No. 114 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 11, | Interest from July 12, 1907, to Jan. 12, 1908 | 7 46 |
| Jan. | 13, | Bluffton Lodge, No. 287 | 1 00 |
| Jan. | 14, | Gladesville Lodge, No. 52 | 2 00 |
| Jan. | 15, | White House Lodge, No. 392 | 2 50 |
| Jan. | 21, | Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 316 | 1 00 |
| Jan. | 21, | Fulton Lodge, No. 216 | 21 82 |
| Jan. | 23, | Bartlett Lodge, No. 139 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 23, | Rising Fawn Lodge, No. 293 | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 28, | Toccoa Lodge, No. 309 | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 31, | Babcock Lodge, No. 488 | 3 00 |
| Feb. | 7, | Gordon Lodge, No. 481 | 5 45 |
| Feb. | 25, | Mackey Lodge, No. 120 | 20 00 |
| March | 11, | R. A. Robinson | 1 00 |
| March | 11, | Yonah Lodge, No. 382 | 1 45 |
| March | 23, | Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 26 | 12 50 |
| March | 25, | Georgia Lodge, No. 96 | 27 76 |
| April | 11, | Atlanta Lodge, No. 59 | 25 00 |
| April | 22, | Cour-de-Lion Commandry, K. T., No. 4 | 50 00 |
| April | 28, | T. J. Carling | 4 00 |
| April | 28, | Robt. L. Colding | 4 00 |
| May | 9, | Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Georgia | 1,000 00 |

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| May 15, | Seventh District Masonic Convention | \$ 10 00 |
| May 15, | W. C. Yarbrough | 1 00 |
| May 15, | Interest for January | 3 31 |
| May 15, | Interest for February | 5 14 |
| May 15, | Interest for March | 3 09 |
| May 15, | Interest for April | 1 32 |
| May 22, | Cassville Lodge, No. 295 | 10 00 |
| May 30, | Grand Commandry, K. T. of Georgia | 100 00 |
| June 19, | Grand Council R. & S. M. of Georgia | 50 00 |
| July 2, | July coupons LaGrange bonds | 40 00 |
| July 2, | Second District Masonic Convention | 25 00 |
| Aug. 5, | Fourth District Masonic Convention | 25 00 |
| Sep. 30, | Cedar Creek Lodge, No. 275 | 5 00 |
| Oct. 24, | Interest for May | 4 70 |
| Oct. 24, | Interest for June | 4 85 |
| Oct. 24, | Interest for July | 3 84 |
| Oct. 24, | Interest for August | 1 37 |
| Oct. 24, | Interest for September | 30 |
| Oct. 24, | Interest for October to date | 10 |

Total.....\$3,028 39

Paid out on warrants as per statement below 3,001 60

Leaving a balance on hand of\$ 26 79

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| Jan. 31, | T. J. Carling, Sec. Board Trustees, Voucher No. 1..... | \$ 450 00 |
| Feb. 29, | T. J. Carling, Sec. Board Trustees, Voucher No. 2..... | 450 00 |
| March 31, | T. J. Carling, Sec. Board Trustees, Voucher No. 3..... | 450 00 |
| May 30, | T. J. Carling, Sec. Board Trustees, Voucher No. 4..... | 450 00 |
| June 30, | T. J. Carling, Sec. Board Trustees, Voucher No. 5..... | 450 00 |
| July | Registering fee on coupons | 10 |
| July 31, | A. S. Harris, Sup. Masonic Home, Voucher No. 6.... | 450 00 |
| Aug. 31, | A. S. Harris, Sup. Masonic Home, Voucher No. 7.... | 300 00 |
| | Neal Bank, protest fee | 1 50 |

Total.....\$3,001 60

We recommend that hereafter the Home fund be consolidated with the Grand Lodge funds, instead of being kept separate as is the present practice.

We further recommend that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to forward to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees six hundred dollars per month for the maintenance of the Home.

We feel that the thanks of this Grand Body is due Brother T. J. Carling for the unselfish and untiring labors of the year. This has been done without one cent of expense to the Grand Lodge, and the work of this loyal brother deserves permanent recognition in our Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, *Chairman*,
J. A. LITTLEJOHN,
J. R. STEPHENS.

GRAND MASTER TO MAKE DEED.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia be, and is hereby, authorized to execute a deed to the Grand Lodge property located on Mulberry street, should the Board of Trustees raised under the recommendation of the Finance Committee, find a purchaser for said property.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HOME.

Brother T. J. Carling, for the Trustees, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

BROTHERS—Your Board of Trustees beg leave to report that they have given the Home and its affairs full attention and report the following as the status of affairs at this time, viz.:

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| Received from Grand Treasurer for maintenance..... | \$6,882 49 |
| Direct donations..... | 65 00 |
| Sale of farm products..... | 251 49 |
| Total receipts..... | \$7,198 98 |

Expenses as per monthly statements attached, including
\$805.60 of last year's bills paid this year.....\$7,162 88

(This means all salaries and bills paid to and including
October 31, 1908.)

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| Cash on hand to balance..... | \$ 36 10 |
| Special appropriation to build a barn..... | \$1,400 00 |

We had plans and specifications made for a concrete two-story building 24x50 feet. We herewith submit seven bids for the building, ranging from \$1,295 to \$1,850, but are pleased to say with the assistance of the boys and Brother Harris we completed the building for \$905, and ask you to inspect it.

Cost of maintenances of eight State Homes as follows:

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| New York, per capita..... | \$ 212 23 |
| Ohio, per capita..... | 188 54 |
| Michigan, per capita..... | 294 99 |
| New Jersey, per capita..... | 226 07 |
| Nebaska, per capita..... | 189 97 |
| Illinois, per capita..... | 194 80 |
| Missouri, per capita..... | 245 00 |
| Connecticut, per capita..... | 166 54 |

Total, divided by eight.....\$1,718 14

Average cost per capita.....\$ 214 77

Georgia Home average inmates, 30.

Average cost per capita,.....\$ 211 90

Which shows the Georgia Home per capita \$2.87 less than the above eight States' average.

We would recommend that as soon as possible a two-story fire-proof building be erected so as to separate the adult males and females, as now, it is very dangerous for the helpless old folks in the present building, and annoying to have the old and young males and females huddled together.

We recommend that the monthly statement of expenses be printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings for information of the Craft.

We are pleased to certify to Brother Harris' diligence, care and prudence in his work.

Fraternally submitted,

T. J. CARLING,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF A. S. HARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Grand Master and Members of the Board of Trustees
of the Masonic Home of Georgia:*

BRETHREN—I have the honor to present my Fourth Annual Report. The management of the Home the past year has been substantially the same as in previous years.

The health of the family has been remarkably good. On this account the cost of maintenances has been reduced to some extent.

The present number of inmates is as follows:

Males, 4—

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| L. A. Helms | East Point Lodge, No. 288 | Age, 77 | years |
| M. A. McEachern | Coffee Lodge, No. 193 | Age, 54 | years |
| J. B. Barton | Solomons Lodge, No. 1 | Age, 69 | years |
| Wm. C. Fretwell | Macon Lodge, No. 5 | Age, 66 | years |
| | | Total ages | 266 years |
| | | Average ages | 66 1-2 years |

Females, 9—

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Mary A. Walker | Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 22 | Age, 81 | years |
| Woody Sales | Norman Lodge, No. 422 | Age, 37 | years |
| Mattie J. Evatt | A. I. Leet Lodge, No. 266 | Age, 70 | years |
| Julia A. Merritt | Forest Lodge, No. 399 | Age, 78 | years |
| Elizabeth Hessage | Bigham Lodge, No. 53 | Age, 60 | years |
| Addie E. Brinson | Albany Lodge, No. 24 | Age, 80 | years |
| Mary F. Brinson | Albany Lodge, No. 24 | Age, 40 | years |
| F. M. E. Carswell | Shalto Lodge, No. 237 | Age, 84 | years |
| E. A. Kinney | Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 6 | Age, 85 | years |
| | | Total ages | 615 years |
| | | Average age | 68 1-3 years |

Boys, 9—

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|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Robt. M. Bush | Gate City Lodge, No. 2 | Age, 15 | years |
| Jas. E. Bush | Gate City Lodge, No. 2 | Age, 13 | years |
| Jas. B. Sales | Norman Lodge, No. 422 | Age, 5 | years |
| John C. Glazner | Lyerly Lodge, No. 338 | Age, 7 | years |
| Robt. L. Glazner | Lyerly Lodge, No. 338 | Age, 13 | years |
| E. W. Sadler | Eureka Lodge, No. 247 | Age, 12 | years |
| G. M. Sadler | Eureka Lodge, No. 247 | Age, 9 | years |
| E. E. St. Claire | Mabel Lodge, No. 255 | Age, 3 | years |
| John Shinholser | Elko Lodge, No. 443 | Age, 6 | years |
| Total ages | | 70 | years |
| Average age | | 7 7-9 | years |

Girls, 11—

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|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Jessie Sales | Norman Lodge, No. 422 | Age, | years |
| Edna Bush | Gate City Lodge, No. 2 | Age, 15 | years |
| Ruth Glazner | Lyerly Lodge, No. 338 | Age, 5 | years |
| Egan St. Claire | Mabel Lodge, No. 255 | Age, 10 | years |
| Ruth St. Claire | Mabel Lodge, No. 255 | Age, 5 | years |
| Willie M. Dollar | Forest Lodge, No. 399 | Age, 14 | years |
| B. L. Dollar | Forest Lodge, No. 399 | Age, 12 | years |
| C. T. Dollar | Forest Lodge, No. 399 | Age, 11 | years |
| Ruth Shinholser | Elko Lodge, No. 443 | Age, 14 | years |
| Elma Shinholser | Elko Lodge, No. 443 | Age, 12 | years |
| Ida Shinholser | Elko Lodge, No. 443 | Age, 10 | years |
| Total ages | | 108 | years |
| Average age | | 9 9-11 | years |

The total age of the 13 adult members is 887 years; average age is 68 3-13 years.

In our annual report of last year the number of members was 30. This year we have admitted 13. We have lost by death, 4, as follows:

James A. Martin, Morning Star Lodge, No. 27; died January 21, 1908; age, 74 years.

Mary A. Martin, Morning Star Lodge, No. 27; died June 12, 1908; age, 63 years.

Mrs. Miriam Smith, Washington Lodge, No. 19; died February 25, 1908.

E. L. Hackett, Solomon's Lodge, No. 1; died July 8, 1908; age, 78 years.

Withdrawn, 4—

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| Nancy F. Kendrick | Salem Lodge, No. 267 | June, 1908 |
| Pearl E. Brazell | Rising Sun Lodge, No. 32 | Aug. 1908 |
| Pauline F. Brazell | Rising Sun Lodge, No. 32 | Aug. 1908 |
| Frank Brazell | Rising Sun Lodge, No. 32 | Aug. 1908 |

Dismissed, 1—

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| John W. Thompson | Bickley Lodge, No. 373 |
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Placed in an excellent Home—

Mary GlaznerLyerly Lodge, No. 338

Making in all, a total loss of ten, and showing an increase in the family of three during the year.

The help employed is as follows: One cook, one man to assist the cook and attend the dining room, one nurse for the hospital, one man to care for the stock, wait on adult males, attend the children to school, etc. One man is employed on the farm regularly, another as occasion requires, with extra help in busy seasons. We employ three women in the laundry.

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| Total in the house..... | 3 |
| Total on the farm..... | 1 |
| Total irregular work..... | 1 |
| Total in the laundry..... | 3 |
| Total..... | 8 |

DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

Nov. 22, Cash by Yaarab Temple (Hon. W. A. Goodyear)
for Thanksgiving dinner.....\$ 50 75

Disbursement of above amount—

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| Nov. 23, Exchange on check..... | \$ 15 |
| Nov. 25, Turkeys, Voucher No. 1..... | 9 00 |
| Nov. 25, Butter..... | 2 00 |
| Nov. 25, Oysters..... | 1 50 |
| Nov. 25, Miscellaneous..... | 2 50 |
| Dec. 3, Flournoy Grocery Co., voucher No. 2..... | 30 25 |
| Dec. 3, Mdse. by Mrs. Harris..... | 4 09 |
| Dec. 3, Apples for children..... | 26 |
| Total..... | \$ 50 75 |

SPECIAL PURPOSES.

Dec. 16, Cash by Mason's Annuity for curtains and shades
for parlors.....\$ 10 00

Disbursement of above amount—

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| May 5, E. J. & P. D. Willingham..... | \$ 4 00 |
| June 5, Dannenberg Co..... | 6 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 10 00 |

Nov. 23, Cash from Webb's Lodge, Augusta, to
finish work at front gate.....\$ 15 00

July 22, District Convention for fence around new barn.....\$ 51 40

Disbursement of above amount—

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| July 17, Cement block for paving..... | \$ 13 00 |
| Sept. 19, Posts for fence..... | 15 00 |
| Oct. 6, Wire for fence..... | 34 50 |
| Labor..... | 3 90 |
| Total..... | \$ 66 40 |

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR 1907.

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|------------|-----|--|----------|
| Oct. | 29, | Cash, J. J. Boney, Rhine, Ga..... | \$ 2 00 |
| Nov. | 25, | Satilla Lodge, No. 163 | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 16, | Yaarab Temple, Atlanta | 50 00 |
| Dec. | 17, | Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 22..... | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 17, | W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 17, | Lyerly Lodge | 1 50 |
| Dec. | 17, | Mabel Lodge | 25 00 |
| Dec. | 17, | Macon Lodge, No. 5..... | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 18, | Webb's Lodge, Augusta | 7 85 |
| Dec. | 20, | Albany Lodge, No. 24 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Cherokee and Oostanaula, Rome | 20 23 |
| Dec. | 20, | Thos. H. Jeffries, Grand Master..... | 10 00 |
| Dec. | 21, | DeSoto Lodge, No. 361..... | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 24, | Macon Shriners | 35 00 |
| Dec. | 24, | Knight Templars, Macon..... | 25 00 |
| Dec. | 24, | Hogansville Lodge, No. 93 | 2 50 |
| Dec. | 24, | Fairburn Lodge | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 24, | Floyd Springs..... | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 30, | Damascus Lodge, No. 263 | 5 00 |
| Dec. | 30, | McCay R. A. M., No. 114 | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 3, | Madison Lodge, No. 376..... | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 6, | San Marino Lodge, No. 34 | 6 00 |
| Jan. | 7, | Sirman's Lodge, No. 378 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 8, | Alee Shriners, Savannah | 50 00 |
| Feb. | 17, | Flowerly Branch Lodge, No. 212..... | 2 50 |
| Feb. | 24, | Barrel syrup, Damascus Lodge, No. 263. | |
| Jan. | 23, | Barrel syrup, Edison Lodge, No. 500. | |
| Total..... | | | \$319 58 |

DISBURSEMENT OF CHRISTMAS DONATIONS—1907.

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| Nov. | 30, | Exchange..... | \$ 10 |
| Dec. | 18, | Exchange..... | 30 |
| Dec. | 18, | Coloring for cakes, Voucher No. 1..... | 50 |
| Dec. | 18, | W. A. Goodyear, Voucher No. 2..... | 11 40 |
| Dec. | 18, | Mdse. at Hartz, Voucher No. 3..... | 25 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Union Dry Goods Co., Voucher No. 4..... | 3 98 |
| Dec. | 20, | Powers Co., Voucher No. 5..... | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | McEvoy Book Co., Voucher No. 6 | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Ries & Armstrong, Voucher No. 7..... | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 20, | Kress & Co. | 2 20 |
| Dec. | 20, | Exchange..... | 25 |
| Dec. | 20, | Harter's | 1 10 |
| Dec. | 20, | A. & P. Tea Co..... | 1 10 |
| Dec. | 20, | Belgian hares | 1 00 |
| Dec. | 24, | Cash to children..... | 15 00 |
| Dec. | 25, | Servants..... | 15 00 |

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| Dec. | 27, | Oysters, Voucher No. 8 | \$ 1 50 |
| Jan. | 6, | M. C. Balkcom, Voucher No. 9 | 3 25 |
| Jan. | 6, | Lester-Clarke Shoe Co., Voucher No. 10..... | 15 50 |
| Jan. | 6, | Dannenberg, dry goods, Voucher No. 11..... | 59 42 |
| Jan. | 6, | Taylor Shoe Co., Voucher No. 12 | 18 60 |
| Jan. | 6, | Doody Company, Voucher No. 13 | 25 |
| Jan. | 6, | H. J. Daniels, Voucher No. 14 | 2 50 |
| Jan. | 6, | Union Dry Goods Co., Voucher No. 15..... | 50 |
| Jan. | 8, | Exchange | 55 |
| Jan. | 8, | Flournoy Grocery Co., Voucher No. 16 | 25 |
| Jan. | 8, | Union Dry Goods Co., Voucher No. 17..... | 3 50 |
| Jan. | 9, | Flournoy Grocery Co., Voucher No. 17A..... | 42 05 |
| Jan. | 14, | Dannenberg Co., Voucher No. 18-19..... | 80 |
| Jan. | 30, | Dry goods, Voucher No. 20..... | 75 |
| Jan. | 30, | Dry goods, Voucher No. 21 | 60 |
| Feb. | 6, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Voucher No. 23.. | 13 91 |
| Feb. | 6, | Dry goods, Voucher No. 24..... | 67 |
| Feb. | 14, | R. L. Cheek, Voucher No. 25 | 42 10 |
| April | 7, | Car fare for children | 1 00 |
| June | 4, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Voucher No. 26.. | 14 20 |
| June | 4, | Car fare for children | 1 00 |
| Aug. | 5, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Voucher No. 27.. | 6 09 |
| Aug. | 24, | Taylor Shoe Co., Voucher No. 28 | 6 50 |
| Sept. | 3, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Voucher No. 29.. | 2 70 |
| Sept. | 14, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Voucher No. 30.. | 10 |
| Sept. | 15, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Voucher No. 31.. | 35 |

Total.....\$319 58

Total disbursements to balance cash account
of \$319.58.

OTHER DONATIONS.

One box clothes.....Miss Florence Bernd

One box clothesMorris Happ

Two pictures for dining room and curtains for windows, by the
Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Georgia.

The following papers have been sent to the Home:

The Atlanta Journal.

The Augusta Daily Herald.

The Savannah Press.

The Thomasville Times.

The Hamilton Journal.

The Masonic Herald.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FROM OCTOBER 8, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1907.

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| Oct. | 5, Small & Greene, groceries, Vo. 1 | \$ 30 80 | |
| Oct. | 9, Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 2 | 12 96 | |
| Oct. | 9, Smith & Watson, envelopes, Vo. 3 | 5 50 | |
| Oct. | 9, McEvoy Book and St'ny. Co., Vo. 4 | 85 | |
| Oct. | 9, Birch & Cubbedge, hardware, Vo. 5 | 3 80 | |
| Oct. | 9, Flournoy Grocery Co., Vo. 6 | 25 02 | |
| Oct. | 9, Lester-Clarke Shoe Co., Vo. 7 | 2 00 | |
| Oct. | 9, Empire Coal Co., Vo. 8 | 54 98 | |
| Oct. | 9, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 9 | 12 80 | |
| Oct. | 9, H. L. Barfield, prov. and feed, Vo. 10 | 7 50 | |
| Oct. | 12, Window curtains, laundry | 3 25 | |
| Oct. | 12, H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 11 | 1 00 | |
| Oct. | 12, Laundry, hired help | 9 00 | |
| Oct. | 12, Hired help for week ending Oct. 12 | 18 85 | |
| Oct. | 15, Dry goods | 1 00 | |
| Oct. | 15, Southern Bell Telephone, Vo. 12 | 5 50 | |
| Oct. | 19, Laundry, hired help week ending Oct. 19 | 9 00 | |
| Oct. | 19, Hired help, week ending Oct. 19 | 16 80 | |
| Oct. | 26, Hired help, week ending Oct. 26 | 15 00 | |
| Oct. | 26, Laundry, hired help week ending Oct. 26 | 9 00 | |
| Nov. | 2, Hired help, week ending Nov. 2 | 13 70 | |
| Nov. | 2, Cook and butler for month of October | 40 00 | |
| Nov. | 2, Housemaid for month of October | 10 00 | |
| Nov. | 2, Laundry, hired help week ending Nov. 2 | 5 00 | |
| Nov. | 6, Western Union Telegraph Co., Vo. 13 | 2 63 | |
| Nov. | 9, Laundry, hired help week ending Nov. 9 | 8 70 | |
| Nov. | 9, Butter | 1 25 | |
| Nov. | 9, Hired help, week ending Nov. 9 | 14 30 | |
| Nov. | 9, Superintendent's salary for October | 75 00 | |
| Nov. | 9, Matron's salary for October | 25 00 | |
| Nov. | 9, Cash advanced by T. J. Carling | | \$ 300 00 |
| Nov. | 22, Cash from Grand Treasurer | | 440 69 |
| Nov. | 23, Cash to T. J. Carling, advanced Nov. 9 | 300 00 | |
| Nov. | 12, J. G. Eider, meat, Vo. 1 | 29 08 | |
| Nov. | 13, Burden & Smith, dry goods, Vo. 2 | 24 | |
| Nov. | 16, Macon Gas Light and Water Co., Vo. 3 | 12 00 | |
| Nov. | 18, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Vo. 4 | 5 50 | |
| Nov. | 16, Laundry, hired help, week ending Nov. 16 | 8 70 | |
| Nov. | 16, Hired help, day labor, wk ending Nov. 16 | 15 50 | |
| Nov. | 16, Butter | 1 25 | |
| Nov. | 23, Laundry, hired help, week ending Nov. 23 | 8 70 | |
| Nov. | 23, Dr. Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 5 | 20 00 | |
| Nov. | 23, Lester-Clarke Shoe Co., Vo. 6 | 9 00 | |
| Nov. | 23, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending Nov. 23 | 13 85 | |
| Nov. | 23, Dana-Bragg Stationery Co., Vo. 7 | 60 | |
| Nov. | 25, Georgia Packing Co., meat., Vo. 8 | 2 65 | |

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| Nov. | 25, Flournoy Grocery Co., Vo. 9 | \$ 6 75 | |
| Nov. | 25, Birch & Cubbedge, hardware, Vo. 10..... | 9 90 | |
| Nov. | 25, Macon Ice Company, Vo. 11 | 20 40 | |
| Nov. | 25, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 12..... | 2 30 | |
| Nov. | 27, F. R. Otto, repairing harness, Vo. 13..... | 25 | |
| Nov. | 26, M. C. Balkcom, hardware, Vo. 14 | 4 28 | |
| Nov. | 26, H. L. Lamar & Co., drugs, Vo. 15..... | 3 06 | |
| Nov. | 26, Receipt book..... | 10 | |
| Nov. | 26, Stamps | 1 00 | |
| Nov. | 28, Laundry, hired help, week ending Nov. 30 | 8 70 | |
| Nov. | 30, Hired help, week ending Nov. 30 | 15 25 | |
| Nov. | 30, Baking powder..... | 15 | |
| Nov. | 30, Yeast cake..... | 5 | |
| | Total..... | \$ 939 95 | |
| Dec. | 2, Cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| | Cash balance carried to December Acct.... | \$ 250 74 | |
| | Total..... | \$1,190 69 | \$1,190 69 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FROM DECEMBER 1, TO DECEMBER 31.

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| Dec. | 2, Cash balance from November | | \$ 250 74 |
| Dec. | 2, Cook and butler, November salary..... | \$ 40 00 | |
| Dec. | 2, Housemaid, November salary | 10 00 | |
| Dec. | 2, Yeast cakes for five weeks | 25 | |
| Dec. | 2, Matron's salary for November | 25 00 | |
| Dec. | 2, Superintendent's salary for November.... | 75 00 | |
| Dec. | 3, J. L. Elder, meat, Vo. 1 | 16 41 | |
| Dec. | 3, Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 2 | 20 42 | |
| Dec. | 3, C. T. Garden, stove pipe, Vo. 3 | 1 40 | |
| Dec. | 3, W. A. Goodyear, Blacksmith, Vo. 4 | 4 85 | |
| Dec. | 3, Mallory & Taylor Iron Works, Vo. 5..... | 13 60 | |
| Dec. | 3, Birch & Cubbedge, hardware, Vo. 6..... | 1 30 | |
| Dec. | 3, Taylor Shoe Company, Vo. 7 | 2 50 | |
| Dec. | 3, Wm. C. Pumpelly, M. D., Vo. 8 | 15 00 | |
| Dec. | 3, Henry J. Lamar & Co., drugs, Vo. 9..... | 1 06 | |
| Dec. | 6, W. A. Goodyear, blacksmith, Vo. 10..... | 2 15 | |
| Dec. | 6, J. S. Hoge Drug Co., Vo. 11 | 50 | |
| Dec. | 7, Hired help, laundry, week ending Dec. 17 | 8 70 | |
| Dec. | 7, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending Dec. 7 | 15 00 | |
| Dec. | 9, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 7..... | 2 25 | |
| Dec. | 9, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Vo. 12..... | 5 50 | |
| Dec. | 9, J. S. Schofield's Sons, boiler tubes, Vo. 13 | 15 00 | |
| Dec. | 9, Polish for silverware, Vo. 14 | 50 | |
| Dec. | 14, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Dec. 14.. | 8 70 | |
| Dec. | 14, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 14 | 2 00 | |
| Dec. | 14, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending Dec. 14 | 15 00 | |
| Dec. | 14, Cash from Mabel Lodge, nurse for Nov. | | \$ 5 00 |

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| Dec. | 14, Nurse for Ras St. Claire, for Nov. | \$ 5 00 | |
| Dec. | 14, Stamps | 1 00 | |
| Dec. | 19, Macon Gas Light and Water Co., Vo. 15 | 24 60 | |
| Dec. | 19, Adams & Johnston, groceries, Vo. 16..... | 31 83 | |
| Dec. | 19, Taylor Drug Company, Vo. 17..... | 11 20 | |
| Dec. | 19, Mrs. Harris, Mdse. | 2 05 | |
| Dec. | 21, Laundry, hired help week ending Dec. 31.. | 8 70 | |
| Dec. | 21, Hired help, week ending Dec. 21 | 15 00 | |
| Dec. | 21, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 21..... | 2 00 | |
| Dec. | 21, Hair cutting | 1 50 | |
| Dec. | 28, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 28..... | 2 00 | |
| Dec. | 28, Laundry, hired help, week ending Dec. 28 | 6 25 | |
| Dec. | 28, Hired help, day labor and extra help in hospital, week ending Dec. 28 | 17 00 | |
| Jan. | 1, Cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| | Total..... | \$ 430 22 | |
| | Cash balance carried to January Acct..... | 275 52 | |
| | Total | \$ 705 74 | \$ 705 74 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT, MONTH OF JANUARY, 1908.

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| Jan. | 1, By cash balance from December | | \$ 275 52 |
| Jan. | 1, Butler and cook, salary for December | \$ 40 00 | |
| Jan. | 1, Matron's salary for December..... | 25 00 | |
| Jan. | 1, Superintendent's salary for December.... | 75 00 | |
| Jan. | 1, Birch & Cubbedge, hardware, Vo. 1..... | 2 30 | |
| Jan. | 3, Henry J. Lamar & Co., drugs, Vo. 2 | 2 47 | |
| Jan. | 3, Small & Greene, groceries, Vo. 3 | 61 03 | |
| Jan. | 3, W. R. Holt, stock feed, etc., Vo. 4..... | 16 90 | |
| Jan. | 3, Dr. Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 5..... | 13 00 | |
| Jan. | 3, J. C. Gormly, tin shop, Vo. 6..... | 1 00 | |
| Jan. | 3, Adams & Johnson, groceries, Vo. 7..... | 3 60 | |
| Jan. | 3, The Subers Company, plumbing, Vo. 8.... | 25 | |
| Jan. | 4, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending Jan. 4 | 16 00 | |
| Jan. | 4, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 2, 1908 | 2 00 | |
| Jan. | 4, Laundry, hired help, week ending June 4 | 8 70 | |
| Jan. | 6, W. A. Goodyear, blacksmith, Vo. 9 | 2 25 | |
| Jan. | 7, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 10..... | 2 30 | |
| Jan. | 8, Macon Light Company, Vo. 11 | 13 65 | |
| Jan. | 8, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Vo. 12..... | 5 50 | |
| Jan. | 8, C. Huhn, hardware, Vo. 13..... | 35 | |
| Jan. | 10, Laundry, hired help, week ending Jan. 11 | 10 00 | |
| Jan. | 11, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending Jan. 11 | 15 40 | |
| Jan. | 11, Cash from Mabel Lodge, nurse for Dec. | | \$ 5 00 |
| Jan. | 11, Nurse for Ras St. Claire, for Nov. | 5 00 | |
| Jan. | 13, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 11..... | 1 70 | |
| Jan. | 14, Dress patterns | 30 | |

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| Jan. | 18, Laundry, hired help, week ending Dec. 18 | \$ 1 0 00 | |
| Jan. | 18, Hired help, week ending Dec. 18 | 15 00 | |
| Jan. | 18, Housemaid, week ending Dec. 18 | 2 00 | |
| Jan. | 18, Hack (Miss Hessage) | 1 00 | |
| Jan. | 18, McEvoy Book Store, Vo. 14 | 2 00 | |
| Jan. | 22, Yeast cakes | 25 | |
| Jan. | 24, Laundry, hired help, week ending Jan. 25 | 10 00 | |
| Jan. | 25, Hired help, week ending Jan. 25 | 15 00 | |
| Jan. | 25, Housemaid, week ending Jan. 25 | 2 00 | |
| Jan. | 29, Stamps | 1 00 | |
| Jan. | 30, C. G. Hatcher, fruit trees, Vo. 15 | 11 90 | |
| Jan. | 30, Freight on box, Vo. 16 | 45 | |
| Jan. | 30, Laundry, hired help, week ending Jan. 31 | 9 50 | |
| Jan. | 31, Hired help, week ending Jan. 31 | 15 00 | |
| Jan. | 31, Housemaid, week ending Jan. 31 | 1 70 | |
| Total | | \$ 420 50 | \$ 280 52 |
| Feb. | 1, By cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| Feb. | 1, Cash balance | 310 02 | |
| Total | | \$ 730 52 | \$ 730 52 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT, FEBRUARY, 1908.

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| Feb. | 1, By Cash balance | | \$ 310 02 |
| Feb. | 1, Cook and butler for January | \$ 40 00 | |
| Feb. | 4, Matron's salary for January | 25 00 | |
| Feb. | 4, Superintendent's salary for January | 75 00 | |
| Feb. | 4, F. R. Otto, harness repairs, Vo. 1 | 25 | |
| Feb. | 4, C. Huhn, hardware, Vo. 2 | 25 | |
| Feb. | 4, Willingham Sash and Door Co., Vo. 3 | 40 | |
| Feb. | 6, M. C. Balkcom, hardware, Vo. 4 | 1 00 | |
| Feb. | 6, Small & Greene, groceries, Vo. 5 | 95 30 | |
| Feb. | 6, W. A. Goodyear, blacksmith, Vo. 6 | 6 25 | |
| Feb. | 6, H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 7 | 3 80 | |
| Feb. | 6, Henry J. Lamar, drugs, Vo. 8 | 2 40 | |
| Feb. | 6, Dr. Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 9 | 8 00 | |
| Feb. | 6, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 10 | 5 90 | |
| Feb. | 6, Telephone, Vo. 11 | 5 50 | |
| Feb. | 6, W. R. Holt & Co., Groceries, Vo. 12 | 3 60 | |
| Feb. | 6, Birch & Cubbedge, hardware, Vo. 13 | 3 40 | |
| Feb. | 6, Exchange on check from Grand Treas. | 55 | |
| Feb. | 7, Macon Ry. and Light Co., Vo. 14 | 8 24 | |
| Feb. | 8, C. E. Harter, house furnishings, Vo. 15 | 30 | |
| Feb. | 8, Laundry, hired help, week ending Feb. 8 | 10 00 | |
| Feb. | 8, The Subers Co., plumbers, Vo. 16 | 50 | |
| Feb. | 8, Hired help, week ending Feb. 8 | 14 60 | |
| Feb. | 8, Housemaid, week ending Feb. 8 | 2 00 | |
| Feb. | 8, Frank H. Powers, tobacco, Vo. 17 | 1 00 | |

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| Feb. | 12, | Cash from Grand Treasurer | \$ | | \$ 828 00 |
| Feb. | 12, | Exchange on check, Vo. A | | 1 00 | |
| Feb. | 12, | Holt & Company, Vo. 18..... | | 252 45 | |
| Feb. | 12, | Empire Coal Company, Vo. 19 | | 196 26 | |
| Feb. | 12, | Waterman & Co., pair mules, Vo. 20 | | 380 00 | |
| Feb. | 13, | Gas Light and Water Co., Vo. 21..... | | 20 13 | |
| Feb. | 13, | Half-sole shoes | | 40 | |
| Feb. | 15, | Laundry, hired help, week ending Feb. 15 | | 10 00 | |
| Feb. | 15, | Hired help, week ending Feb. 15 | | 15 00 | |
| Feb. | 21, | Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Feb. 22 | | 10 00 | |
| Feb. | 21, | R. C. Wilder & Sons, lumber, Vo. 22..... | | 55 | |
| Feb. | 22, | Hired help, week ending Feb. 22 | | 17 00 | |
| Feb. | 22, | Housemaid, two weeks, ending Feb. 22..... | | 4 00 | |
| Feb. | 25, | Cash, Mabel Lodge for nurse for Jan..... | | | \$ 5 00 |
| Feb. | 25, | Nurse for Ras St. Claire for January..... | | 5 00 | |
| Feb. | 22, | H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 23 | | 1 50 | |
| Feb. | 27, | Half-sole shoes, Vo. 24 | | 60 | |
| Feb. | 27, | Stamps | | 1 00 | |
| Feb. | 29, | Duster and small broom..... | | 50 | |
| Feb. | 29, | Housemaid, for week ending Feb. 29 | | 2 00 | |
| Feb. | 29, | Hired help, week ending Feb. 29 | | 15 50 | |
| Feb. | 25, | Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Feb. 29 | | 10 00 | |
| Total | | | \$1,256 13 | \$1,143 02 | |
| March | 2, | Check from Grand Treasurer..... | | | 450 00 |
| | | Cash balance | | 336 89 | |
| Total | | | \$1,593 02 | \$1,593 02 | |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT, MONTH OF MARCH, 1908.

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| March | | Balance from February..... | | \$ 336 89 |
| March | 2, | Cash, Mabel Lodge, for month of Feb..... | | 5 00 |
| March | 2, | Nurse for Ras St. Claire for Feb. | \$ | 5 00 |
| March | 2, | Dr. Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 1 | | 12 00 |
| March | 3, | One yard ribbon, Mrs. Smith | | 25 |
| March | 4, | Butler and cook, February | | 40 00 |
| March | 4, | Matron's salary for February | | 25 00 |
| March | 4, | Superintendent's salary for February..... | | 75 00 |
| March | 4, | Small & Greene, gro. and st'k feed, Vo. 2 | | 83 51 |
| March | 4, | Lester-Clarke Shoe Co., Vo. 3 | | 3 00 |
| March | 4, | Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 4 | | 10 45 |
| March | 4, | M. C. Balkcom, hardware, Vo. 5 | | 3 00 |
| March | 4, | W. R. Holt, gro. and st'k. feed, Vo. 6..... | | 13 95 |
| March | 4, | Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 7..... | | 5 10 |
| March | 4, | Ga. Packing Co., meat, Vo. 8 | | 1 00 |
| March | 4, | Birch Hardware Co., Vo. 9 | | 6 65 |
| March | 4, | Flournoy Grocery Co., Vo. 10 | | 19 41 |
| March | 4, | Macon Ry. and Light Co., Vo. 11. | | 9 74 |

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| March | 4, Lee Wages, meat, No. 12 | \$ 11 11 | |
| March | 5, Freight on barrel syrup, Vo. 13 | 1 07 | |
| March | 5, Southern Bell Telephone, Vo. 14 | 5 50 | |
| March | 5, Empire Coal Company, Vo. 15 | 24 30 | |
| March | 5, G. F. Wing & Co., paper, 16 | 14 72 | |
| March | 6, Laundry, hired help, week ending Mar. 7.. | 10 00 | |
| March | 6, Hired help, week ending March 7 | 15 50 | |
| March | 6, Housemaid, week ending March 7 | 2 00 | |
| March | 7, Hair cutting | 2 00 | |
| March | 9, School book | 10 | |
| March | 9, F. R. Otto, repairing harness, Vo. 17 | 15 | |
| March | 9, H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 18 | 1 00 | |
| March | 13, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Mar. 14 | 10 00 | |
| March | 14, Hired help, week ending March 14 | 16 25 | |
| March | 14, Housemaid, week ending March 14 | 2 00 | |
| March | 14, Axle grease | 5 | |
| March | 14, C. Huhn, hardware, Vo. 19 | 1 30 | |
| March | 20, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Mar. 21.. | 10 00 | |
| March | 20, Housemaid, week ending March 21 | 2 00 | |
| March | 20, Hired help, week ending March 21 | 15 50 | |
| March | 20, Telegram, Vo. 20 | 31 | |
| March | 28, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending March 28 | 10 00 | |
| March | 28, Housemaid, week ending March 28 | 2 00 | |
| March | 28, Hired help, week ending March 28 | 11 75 | |
| March | 28, McEvoy Book and Stationery Co., Vo. 21 | 1 00 | |
| March | 30, Hoe | 30 | |
| March | 30, Suspenders, Vo. 22 | 60 | |
| Total | | \$ 483 57 | \$ 341 89 |
| April | 2, By cash from Grand Treasurer | | 450 00 |
| | Cash balance | \$ 308 32 | |
| Total | | \$ 791 89 | \$ 791 89 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT, APRIL, 1908.

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| | To cash balance | | \$ 308 32 |
| April | 3, Cash, sale of pigs | | 10 00 |
| April | 3, Laundry, hired help, week ending April 4 | 10 00 | |
| April | 3, Matron's salary for March | 25 00 | |
| April | 3, Superintendent's salary for March | 75 00 | |
| April | 4, Hired help, week ending April 4 | 16 75 | |
| April | 4, Housemaid, week ending April 4 | 2 00 | |
| April | 4, Cook and butler, March | 40 00 | |
| April | 4, G. Bernd & Co., harness, Vo. 1 | 1 50 | |
| April | 4, The Subers Co., plumbers, Vo. 2 | 1 00 | |
| April | 4, H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 3 | 2 60 | |
| April | 4, Adams & Johnston, groceries, No. 4 | 3 30 | |
| April | 4, Birch & Cubbedge, hardware, Vo. 5 | 6 45 | |

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| April | 4, Taylor Shoe Co, Vo. 6 | \$ 1 50 | |
| April | 4, M. C. Balkcom, hardware, Vo. 7 | 6 65 | |
| April | 4, Lee Wages, meat, Vo. 8 | 8 58 | |
| April | 4, Dr. Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 9 | 11 00 | |
| April | 4, J. B. Hart, undertaker, Vo. 10 | 35 00 | |
| April | 4, W. R. Holt, groceries, Vo. 11 | 1 60 | |
| April | 4, Empire Coal Co., Vo. 12 | 23 20 | |
| April | 4, Flournoy Grocery Co., groceries, Vo. 12 | 17 00 | |
| April | 4, Small & Greene, groceries, Vo. 14 | 107 51 | |
| April | 8, F. R. Otto, repairing harness, Vo. 15 | 40 | |
| April | 8, Half soleing shoes, Vo. 16 | 60 | |
| April | 11, Laundry, hired help, week ending Apr. 11 | 10 00 | |
| April | 11, Hired help, week ending April 11 | 15 00 | |
| April | 11, Housemaid, week ending April 11 | 2 00 | |
| April | 14, Southern Bell Telephone, Vo. 17 | 5 50 | |
| April | 14, Cash from Mabel Lodge, for March | \$ 5 00 | |
| April | 14, Nurse for Ras St. Claire for March | 5 00 | |
| April | 14, Sale of potato slips | | 1 00 |
| April | 14, Macon Gas Light and Water Co., Vo. 18 | 14 49 | |
| April | 15, Brooms, Vo. 19 | 60 | |
| April | 17, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Apr. 18 | 10 00 | |
| April | 17, Stamps | 1 00 | |
| April | 17, Hired help, week ending April 18 | 15 00 | |
| April | 17, Housemaid, week ending April 18 | 2 00 | |
| April | 20, C. E. Harter, tacks, Vo. 20 | 25 | |
| April | 23, Dust pans | 60 | |
| April | 24, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending Apr. 28 | 10 00 | |
| April | 24, Butter | 25 | |
| April | 25, Housemaid, week ending April 28 | 2 00 | |
| April | 25, Hired help, week ending April 28 | 13 60 | |
| April | 29, Cash from Grand Treasurer | \$ 450 00 | |
| | Total | \$ 503 93 | \$ 774 32 |
| | Cash balance carried to May account | 270 39 | |
| | Total | \$ 774 32 | \$ 774 32 |

EXPENSES FOR MAY, 1908.

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| May | 1, Cash balance from April | \$ 270 39 |
| May | 1, Matron's salary for April | \$ 25 00 |
| May | 1, Superintendent's salary for April | 75 00 |
| May | 1, Cook and butler's salary for April | 40 00 |
| May | 1, Small & Green, groceries, stock feed, etc., for April, Vo. 1 | 124 51 |
| May | 2, Hired help, laundry, week ending May 2 .. voucher 2 | 10 00 |
| May | 2, Housemaid, week ending May 2 Vo. 3 | 2 00 |

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| May | 2, Hired help, week ending May 2, Vo. 4.... | 12 70 | |
| May | 2, Hired help, laundry, week ending May 9, voucher 5 | 10 00 | |
| May | 9, H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 6..... | 3 60 | |
| May | 9, Housemaid, week ending May 9, Vo. 7.... | 2 00 | |
| May | 9, Hired help, week ending May 9, Vo. 8.... | 15 00 | |
| May | 11, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Vo. 10..... | 5 75 | |
| May | 11, Cash, Humphries, long distance Phone.... | | 25 |
| May | 11, Lee Wages, fresh meat, Vo. 11..... | 9 60 | |
| May | 12, Nurse for Ras St. Claire for Apr. Vo. 12 | 5 00 | |
| May | 12, Cash from Mabel Lodge, No. 255, for nurse for Ras St. Claire for April | | 5 00 |
| May | 15, Hired help, laundry, week ending May 16, voucher 13..... | 10 00 | |
| May | 16, Housemaid, wk. ending May 16, Vo. 14.. | 2 00 | |
| May | 16, Hired help, week ending May 16, Vo. 15 | 15 00 | |
| May | 22, Laundry, hired help, week ending May 23, voucher 16..... | 10 00 | |
| May | 23, Work on cold storage door, Vo. 17..... | 75 | |
| May | 23, Hair cutting, Vo. 18 | 2 10 | |
| May | 23, Housemaid, week ending May 23, Vo. 19 | 2 00 | |
| May | 23, Hired help, week ending May 23, Vo. 20 | 15 00 | |
| May | 29, Hired help, laundry, for week ending May 30. voucher 21..... | 10 00 | |
| May | 29, Hired help, week ending May 30, Vo. 22 | 15 00 | |
| June | 2, Check from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| June | 2, Check, Mabel Lodge, for Ras St. Claire for May..... | | 5 00 |
| Total..... | | \$ 422 01 | \$ 730 64 |
| Cash balance carried to June account | | 308 63 | |
| Total..... | | \$ 730 64 | \$ 730 64 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR JUNE, 1908.

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| | Cash balance from May | | \$ 308 63 |
| June | 2, Cook and butler's salaries for May, Vo. 1 | 40 00 | |
| June | 2, Matron's salary for May, Vo. 2 | 25 00 | |
| June | 2, Superintendent's salary for May, Vo. 3.. | 75 00 | |
| June | 2, Small & Green, groceries and stock feed for May, Vo. 4..... | 141 58 | |
| June | 2, Tomato plants, Vo. 5 | 2 50 | |
| June | 2, M. C. Balkcom, hardware, Vo. 6 | 2 40 | |
| June | 2, F. R. Otto, repairing harness, Vo. 7 | 1 05 | |
| June | 2, Flournoy Grocery Company, Vo. 8..... | 6 50 | |
| June | 2, J. L. Elder, meat, Vo. 9 | 3 48 | |
| June | 2, Macon Seed House, Vo. 10 | 1 55 | |
| June | 2, Macon Seed House, Vo. 11 | 55 | |

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| June | 5, Laundry, hired help, week ending June 6, voucher 12..... | \$ 10 00 | |
| June | 6, Housemaid, week ending June 6, Vo. 13 | 2 00 | |
| June | 6, Hired help, week ending June 6, Vo. 14 | 17 25 | |
| June | 13, Housemaid, week ending June 13, Vo. 15 | 2 00 | |
| June | 13, Laundry, hired help, week ending June 13, voucher 16..... | 10 00 | |
| June | 13, Hired help, day labor, week ending June 13, voucher 17..... | 13 80 | |
| June | 13, Extra help chopping cotton, week ending June 13, Vo. 18..... | 3 00 | |
| June | 13, Macon Railway and Light Co., Vo. 19.... | 14 54 | |
| June | 13, Southern Bell Telephone, Vo. 20..... | 5 50 | |
| June | 20, Laundry, hired help, week ending June 20, voucher 21..... | 10 00 | |
| June | 20, Hired help, day labor, week ending June 20, voucher 22..... | 12 85 | |
| June | 20, Housemaid, week ending June 20, Vo. 23 | 2 00 | |
| June | 27, Laundry, hired help, week ending June 27, voucher 24..... | 10 00 | |
| June | 27, Housemaid, week ending June 27, Vo. 25 | 2 00 | |
| June | 27, Hired help, day labor, week ending June 27, voucher 26..... | 14 60 | |
| July | 2, Cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| | Total | \$ 429 15 | \$ 758 63 |
| | Cash balance carried to July account | 329 48 | |
| | Total | \$ 758 63 | \$ 758 63 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR JULY, 1908.

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| July | 2, To cash balance from June | | \$ 329 48 |
| July | 3, Laundry, hired help, week ending July 4 (See day book, page 23, for Vo. 1.) | 10 00 | |
| July | 4, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending July 4 (See day book, page 23, for Vo. 2.) | 17 90 | |
| July | 4, Housemaid, hired help, wk. end'g July 4 (See day book, page 23, for Vo. 3.) | 2 00 | |
| July | 4, Butler and cook's salary for June (See day book, page 23, for Vo. 4.) | 40 00 | |
| July | 4, Nurse for month of June (See day book, page 24, for Vo. 5.) | 5 00 | |
| July | 4, Cash from Rev. St. Claire, for 3 months salary for nurse for Ras St. Claire, from July 1, to October 1 | | 15 00 |
| July | 4, Matron's salary for June (See day book, page 24, for Vo. 6.) | 25 00 | |
| July | 4, Exchange on check..... | 10 | |
| July | 4, Superintendent's salary for June | 75 00 | |

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| July | 10, Laundry, week ending July 11.....\$ | 10 00 | |
| | (See day book, page 24, for Vo. 7.) | | |
| July | 11, Housemaid, week ending July 11 | 2 00 | |
| | (See day book, page 24, for Vo. 8.) | | |
| July | 11, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending July 11 | 16 45 | |
| | (See day book, page 25, for Vo. 9.) | | |
| July | 13, Small & Green, groceries and stock feed, voucher 10 | 126 34 | |
| July | 13, Parmelee & Co., exchange in vehicle for school children, Vo. 11 | 11 50 | |
| July | 13, Flournoy Grocery Company, Vo. 12..... | 2 70 | |
| July | 13, Macon Gas Light and Water Co., Vo. 13 | 15 85 | |
| July | 13, H. J. Daniels, fish, Vo. 14..... | 9 00 | |
| July | 13, W. A. Goodyear, blacksmith, Vo. 15 | 5 75 | |
| July | 13, Southern Bell Telephone, Vo. 16..... | 5 50 | |
| July | 13, Macon Railway and Light Co., Vo. 17 | 5 41 | |
| July | 13, Adams & Johnston, tobacco, Vo. 18 | 4 70 | |
| July | 13, Empire Coal Company, Vo. 19..... | 26 25 | |
| July | 13, G. F. Wing, twine, paper, etc., Vo. 20.... | 2 70 | |
| July | 13, Macon Ice Delivery, Vo. 21..... | 10 00 | |
| July | 13, Birch Hardware Co., Vo. 22..... | 12 10 | |
| July | 13, H. L. Barfield, Prov. and feed, Vo. 23.... | 4 19 | |
| July | 13, Georgia Packing Co., meat, Vo. 24 | 50 | |
| July | 13, Ries & Armstrong, Vo. 25..... | 35 | |
| July | 13, W. R. Holt & Co., groceries, Vo. 26..... | 90 | |
| July | 13, J. M. Brantley & Co., meat, Vo. 27 | 1 75 | |
| July | 13, C. Huhn, hardware, 28 | 50 | |
| July | 13, Dana-Bragg Stationery Co., Vo. 29..... | 25 | |
| July | 13, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 30..... | 11 10 | |
| July | 17, Laundry, hired help, wk. ending July 18.. | 10 00 | |
| | (See day book, page 26, Vo. 31.) | | |
| July | 18, Housemaid, hired help, wk. ending July 18 | 2 00 | |
| | (See day book, page 26, Vo. 32.) | | |
| July | 18, Stamps | 1 00 | |
| July | 18, Hired help, day labor, wk. ending July 18 | 17 80 | |
| | (See day book, page 26, Vo. 33.) | | |
| July | 18, Meat, voucher 34 | 2 05 | |
| July | 25, Laundry, hired help, week ending July 25 | 10 00 | |
| | (See day book, page 26, voucher 35.) | | |
| July | 25, Housemaid, hired help, wk. end'g J'y. 25 | 2 00 | |
| | (See day book, page 26, voucher 36.) | | |
| July | 25, Hired help, day labor, week ending July | | |
| | 25, voucher 37..... | 14 40 | |
| July | 25, Meat, Vo. 38 | 1 80 | |
| July | 25, H. Wright, Vo. 39 | 27 85 | |
| July | 25, Edwin S. Davis, Vo. 40 | 72 00 | |
| Total.....\$ | | 621 69 | |
| July | 3, Cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| July | 3, Cash by sale of garden truck for July | | 45 15 |
| | Cash balance carried to Aug. account.....\$ | 217 94 | |
| Total | | \$ 839 63 | \$ 839 63 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR AUGUST, 1908.

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| | Cash balance from July..... | \$ | \$ 217 94 |
| Aug. | 1, Laundry, week ending Aug. 1, Vo. 1 | 10 00 | |
| Aug. | 1, Grits | 30 | |
| Aug. | 1, Meat, Vo. 2..... | 1 85 | |
| Aug. | 1, Day labor, week ending Aug. 1, Vo. 3.... | 14 70 | |
| Aug. | 1, Housemaid, week ending Aug. 1, Vo. 4a | 2 00 | |
| Aug. | 1, Nurse, month of July, Vo. 4..... | 5 00 | |
| Aug. | 5, Flournoy Grocery Company, Vo. 5 | 7 95 | |
| Aug. | 5, Small & Green, groceries, stock feed, etc., voucher 6 | 129 77 | |
| Aug. | 5, Empire Coal Company, Vo. 7..... | 14 50 | |
| Aug. | 5, Willingham Sash and Door Co., Vo. 8.... | 12 80 | |
| Aug. | 5, Lee Wages, meat, Vo. 9 | 2 25 | |
| Aug. | 5, M. C. Balkcom, hardware, Vo. 10 | 1 90 | |
| Aug. | 5, Macon Railway and Light Co., Vo. 11.... | 1 50 | |
| Aug. | 5, Birch Hardware Co., Vo. 12..... | 50 | |
| Aug. | 5, Hindu Spray Company, Vo. 13..... | 3 00 | |
| Aug. | 5, Macon Seed House, Vo. 14 | 2 50 | |
| Aug. | 5, F. R. Otto, harness, etc., Vo. 15 | 30 | |
| Aug. | 5, Macon Seed House, Vo. 16 | 90 | |
| Aug. | 5, Salary cook and butler, July, Vo. 17-18.. | 40 00 | |
| Aug. | 5, Matron's salary for July, Vo. 19..... | 25 00 | |
| Aug. | 5, Superintendent's salary for July, Vq. 20 | 75 00 | |
| Aug. | 7, Laundry, hired help, week ending Aug. 8, voucher 21..... | 10 00 | |
| Aug. | 8, Hired help, week ending Aug. 8, Vo. 22.. | 16 55 | |
| Aug. | 8, Housemaid, week ending Aug. 8, Vo. 23 | 2 00 | |
| Aug. | 8, Meat, Vo. 24 | 1 80 | |
| Aug. | 15, Laundry, hired help, week ending Aug. 15, voucher 25..... | 10 00 | |
| Aug. | 15, Hired help, day labor, week ending Aug. 15, Vo. 26-29..... | 9 95 | |
| Aug. | 15, Housemaid, week ending Aug. 15, Vo. 30 | 85 | |
| Aug. | 21, Yeast cakes | 10 | |
| Aug. | 21, Laundry, hired help, week ending Aug. 22, voucher 31..... | 10 00 | |
| Aug. | 21, Hired help, wk. ending Aug. 22, Vo. 32-34 | 9 00 | |
| Aug. | 24, Adams & Johnston, tobacco, Vo. 35 | 4 80 | |
| Aug. | 24, H. L. Barfield, groceries, etc., Vo. 36 | 2 35 | |
| Aug. | 24, Smith & Watson, printing, Vo. 37..... | 4 00 | |
| Aug. | 24, Merritt Hardware Co., Vo. 38..... | 3 40 | |
| Aug. | 25, Yeast cakes..... | 5 | |
| Aug. | 27, Salary of butler for August, Vo. 39..... | 25 00 | |
| Aug. | 29, Laundry, hired help, week ending Aug. 29, voucher 40..... | 10 00 | |
| Aug. | 29, Hired help, wk. ending Aug. 29, Vo. 41-45 | 16 60 | |

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| Aug. | 29, J. M. Brantly, meat, Vo. 46..... | \$ 4 10 | |
| Aug. | 29, Merritt Hardware Co., Vo. 47..... | 25 | |
| Aug. | 29, Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 48..... | 14 00 | |
| Aug. | 29, Stamps..... | 1 00 | |
| Aug. | 29, Burden, Smith & Co., dry goods, Vo. 49..... | 10 | |
| Aug. | 29, Mdse, Vo. 50..... | 9 | |
| Aug. | 29, W. R. Holt, Vo. 51..... | 60 | |
| Total..... | | \$ 508 31 | |
| Sept. | 2, By cash from Grand Treasurer..... | | \$ 450 00 |
| Sept. | 2, By sale of garden truck for August..... | | 46 00 |
| Cash balance carried to Sept. account..... | | 205 63 | |
| Total..... | | \$ 713 94 | \$ 713 94 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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| Sept. | 1, Cash balance from August..... | | \$ 205 63 |
| Sept. | 2, Salary for cook for August, Vo. 1..... | 15 00 | |
| Sept. | 2, Salary for nurse for August, Vo. 2..... | 5 00 | |
| Sept. | 5, Hired help for laundry, week ending September 5, Vo. 3..... | 10 00 | |
| Sept. | 5, Hired help, day labor, week ending Sept. 5, voucher 4-8..... | 15 00 | |
| Sept. | 5, Matron's salary for August, Vo. 9..... | 25 00 | |
| Sept. | 5, Superintendent's salary for August..... | 75 00 | |
| Sept. | 5, J. M. Brantly, meat, Vo. 10..... | 1 90 | |
| Sept. | 5, Merritt Hardware Company, Vo. 11..... | 15 | |
| Sept. | 5, S. H. Kress & Co., oil cloth, Vo. 12..... | 30 | |
| Sept. | 5, Macon Railway and Light Co., Vo. 13.... | 3 09 | |
| Sept. | 7, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 14..... | 20 15 | |
| Sept. | 7, Cubbedge-Redding Hardware Co., Vo. 15..... | 2 50 | |
| Sept. | 8, Flournoy Grocery Co., Vo. 16..... | 4 65 | |
| Sept. | 8, Southern Bell Telephone Co., for month of July and August, Vo. 17..... | 11 00 | |
| Sept. | 8, Dr. G. P. Gostin, Vo. 18..... | 29 00 | |
| Sept. | 8, H. L. Barfield, groceries, etc., Vo. 19.... | 4 92 | |
| Sept. | 8, J. S. Hoge, drugs, Vo. 20..... | 1 00 | |
| Sept. | 8, Merritt Hardware Co., Vo. 21..... | 2 28 | |
| Sept. | 8, F. R. Otto, repairing harness, Vo. 22..... | 1 70 | |
| Sept. | 8, W. A. Goodyear, blacksmith, Vo. 23..... | 11 05 | |
| Sept. | 8, Birch Hardware Co., Vo. 24..... | 25 | |
| Sept. | 8, Willingham Sash and Door Co., Vo. 25.... | 7 50 | |
| Sept. | 8, E. J. & P. D. Willingham, Vo. 26..... | 8 00 | |
| Sept. | 8, Small & Green, stock feed and groceries for August, voucher 27..... | 115 82 | |
| Sept. | 8, Empire Coal Company, Vo. 28..... | 20 50 | |
| Sept. | 8, Macon Ice Company, Vo. 29..... | 8 00 | |
| Sept. | 8, Meat, Vo. 30..... | 2 88 | |

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| Sept. | 8, Southern Electric Supply Co., Vo. 31..... | \$ 70 | |
| Sept. | 12, Laundry, hired help, week ending Sept. | | |
| | 12, voucher 32..... | 10 00 | |
| Sept. | 12, Hired help, week ending Sept 12, Vo. 33 | 2 35 | |
| Sept. | 12, Meat, voucher 34..... | 4 75 | |
| Sept. | 12, Hired help, week ending Sept. 12, Vo. 35 | 3 25 | |
| Sept. | 12, Hired help, week ending Sept. 12, Vo. 36 | 4 00 | |
| Sept. | 12, Hired help, wk. ending Sept. 12, Vo. 37-38 | 4 10 | |
| Sept. | 1, Cash, sale of garden truck | | \$ 4 15 |
| Sept. | 3, Cash, sale of garden truck | | 2 85 |
| Sept. | 21, Cash, sale of pigs | | 2 00 |
| Sept. | 23, Cash, sale of farm produce..... | | 53 20 |
| Sept. | 12, Telegram from New York, Vo. 39..... | 60 | |
| Sept. | 12, Hardware, voucher 40..... | 57 | |
| Sept. | 19, Laundry, hired help, week ending Sept. | | |
| | 19, voucher 41..... | 10 00 | |
| Sept. | 19, Fresh meat, voucher 42 | 4 93 | |
| Sept. | 19, Hired help, wk. ending Sept. 19, Vo. 43-45 | 10 25 | |
| Sept. | 19, Weichselbaum & Jones, hardware, Vo. 46 | 2 03 | |
| Sept. | 19, Weichselbaum & Jones, hardware Vo. 47 | 4 50 | |
| Sept. | 24, Combs and brushes..... | 1 20 | |
| Sept. | 24, Stock powder, voucher 48 | 25 | |
| Sept. | 24, Labor..... | 35 | |
| Sept. | 19, Nurse, week ending Sept. 19, Vo. 49 | 4 25 | |
| Sept. | 26, Macon Book Company, Vo. 50 | 19 57 | |
| Sept. | 26, Laundry, week ending Sept. 26, Vo. 51.. | 10 00 | |
| Sept. | 26, Fresh meat, voucher 52 | 4 90 | |
| Sept. | 26, Hired help, wk. ending Sept. 26, Vo. 53-56 | 13 75 | |
| Sept. | 23, Incidental fee, school, Vo. 57..... | 6 50 | |
| Oct. | 1, By cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| | Total..... | \$ 524 44 | \$ 717 83 |
| Oct. | 1, Cash balance carried to Oct. account..... | \$ 193 39 | |
| | Total..... | \$ 717 83 | \$ 717 83 |

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1908.

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| | Cash balance from Sept. account | | \$ 193 39 |
| Oct. | 1, By cash from Rev. St. Claire, for nurse's salary, Oct., Nov. and December..... | | 15 00 |
| Oct. | 2, Butler's salary for September, Vo. 1..... | 25 00 | |
| Oct. | 3, Laundry, hired help, week ending Oct. 3, voucher 2 | 10 00 | |
| Oct. | 3, Cook's salary for September, Vo. 2..... | 15 00 | |
| Oct. | 3, Hired help, week ending Oct. 3, Vo. 4-5-6 | 12 00 | |
| Oct. | 3, Hospital nurse, week ending Oct. 3, Vo. 7 | 3 00 | |
| Oct. | 3, Nurse, Ras. St. Claire, Sept., Vo. 8..... | 5 00 | |
| Oct. | 3, Matron's salary for Sept., Vo. 9..... | 25 00 | |

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| Oct. | 3, Superintendent's salary for September..\$ | 75 00 | |
| Oct. | 6, Empire Coal Company, Vo. 10..... | 6 00 | |
| Oct. | 6, Macon Railway and Light Co., Vo. 11 | 3 92 | |
| Oct. | 6, Macon Seed House, Vo. 12 | 1 50 | |
| Oct. | 6, W. A. Goodyear, blacksmith, Vo. 13..... | 2 00 | |
| Oct. | 6, W. R. Holt & Co., Vo. 14 | 15 13 | |
| Oct. | 6, Daniel & Blasingame, fish, Vo. 15 | 1 00 | |
| Oct. | 6, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 16 | 5 23 | |
| Oct. | 6, Flourney Grocery Co., Vo. 17 | 5 20 | |
| Oct. | 6, Dr. Wm. C. Pumpelly, Vo. 18 | 21 50 | |
| Oct. | 6, Small & Green, groceries, Vo. 19..... | 117 60 | |
| Oct. | 6, Macon Book Co., school books, Vo. 20 | 2 59 | |
| Oct. | 6, F. R. Otto, voucher 21 | 50 | |
| Oct. | 6, School children, incidental fee..... | 1 00 | |
| Oct. | 10, Laundry, hired help, week ending Oct. 10, voucher 22 | 10 00 | |
| Oct. | 10, Hired help, week ending October 10, vouchers 23, 24, 25, 26 | 12 75 | |
| Oct. | 16, Cash, sale of farm produce..... | | \$ 50 79 |
| Oct. | 10, Hired help, picking cotton, Vo. 27..... | 3 17 | |
| Oct. | 10, Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 28..... | 7 50 | |
| Oct. | 10, Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 29 | 2 40 | |
| Oct. | 10, Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 30a..... | 50 | |
| Oct. | 16, Stamps | 1 00 | |
| Oct. | 16, Laundry, hired help, week ending Oct. 17, voucher 30 | 10 00 | |
| Oct. | 17, Telegram to Dr. Taylor | 25 | |
| Oct. | 17, Hired help, day labor, week ending Oct. 17, voucher 31-32 | 8 00 | |
| Oct. | 17, Nurse, hospital, wk. end'g Oct. 17, Vo. 33 | 3 00 | |
| Oct. | 17, Mehalia Tuff, extra house work, week ending Oct. 17, voucher 34 | 1 00 | |
| Oct. | 17, Postal cards..... | 50 | |
| Oct. | 19, Incidental fee, school for Jack Shinholser | 50 | |
| Oct. | 19, Cotton picking and extra labor, week ending Oct. 20, voucher 35 | 3 55 | |
| Oct. | 19, Adams & Johnston, Vo. 36 | 4 00 | |
| Oct. | 19, Macon Light Company, Vo. 37..... | 22 14 | |
| Oct. | 19, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Vo. 38 | 5 50 | |
| Oct. | 19, Freight on box, Vo. 39 | 1 60 | |
| Oct. | 19, Repairing furniture, Vo. 40 | 75 | |
| Oct. | 20, Cash from Grand Treasurer | | \$ 450 00 |
| Oct. | 23, Small & Green, stock feed, Vo. 41..... | 18 00 | |
| Oct. | 23, Adams & Johnston, tobacco, Vo. 42 | 1 60 | |
| Oct. | 23, Worrell Mfg. Co., disinfectants, Vo. 43.. | 10 00 | |
| Oct. | 23, Barfield & Brown, groceries, Vo. 44 | 70 90 | |
| Oct. | 23, Dannenberg Co., dry goods, Vo. 45..... | 7 60 | |

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| Oct. | 23, Taylor-Bayne Drug Co., Vo. 46..... | \$ 4 50 | |
| Oct. | 23, Merritt Hardware Co., Vo. 47..... | 5 40 | |
| Oct. | 23, Empire Coal Company, Vo. 48..... | 23 50 | |
| Oct. | 23, Macon Ice Company, Vo. 49..... | 25 50 | |
| Oct. | 23, Cash, sale of farm produce..... | | 36 10 |
| Oct. | 24, Laundry, hired help, week ending Oct. | | |
| | 24, voucher 50,..... | 10 00 | |
| Oct. | 24, Hired help, week ending Oct. 24, Vo. 51 | 8 00 | |
| Oct. | 24, Nurse, hospital, wk. end'g Oct. 24, Vo. 52 | 3 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Laundry, hired help, week ending Oct. | | |
| | 31, voucher 53..... | 10 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Nurse, hospital, w'k end'g Oct. 31, Vo. 54 | 3 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Hired help, week ending Oct. 31, Vo. 55 | 8 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Nurse for Ras St. Claire, for Oct., Vo. 56 | 5 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Cook and butler's salary, for Oct., Vo. 57 | 40 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Matron's salary, for October, Vo. 58..... | 25 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Superintendent's salary for October..... | 75 00 | |
| Oct. | 31, Mallary & Taylor's Iron Works, work on boiler, voucher 59..... | 117 70 | |
| | Total..... | \$ 922 98 | \$ 745 28 |
| Oct. | 26, Cash from Grand Treasurer..... | | \$ 213 80 |
| | To cash on hand to balance..... | 36 10 | |
| | Total..... | \$ 959 08 | \$ 959 08 |

Also a number of old magazines, etc.

Brother W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary, donated to the Home 35 pairs of pigeons.

FARM REPORT.

The crops, owing to the summer drought, have been greatly injured, and in some branches almost a failure. The poor and hilly condition of the land makes farming for profit a difficult problem. The entire place is almost covered with Bermuda.

The stock of the farm is as follows:

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| 1 horse | \$100 00 |
| 2 mules..... | 430 00 |
| 4 cows | 200 00 |
| 3 bull calves | 30 00 |
| 2 heifer calves | 30 00 |
| 2 shoates | 18 00 |
| 10 pigs | 10 00 |
| 1 boar | 10 00 |
| 2 sows | 30 00 |
| Total..... | \$758 00 |

Equipments—

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| 1 two-horse wagon and harness..... | \$ 40 00 |
| 1 one-horse wagon and harness..... | 15 00 |
| 1 harrow..... | 3 00 |
| 2 hay forks..... | 1 00 |
| 1 spring wagon and harness..... | 25 00 |
| Numerous small tools..... | 10 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 94 00 |

In conclusion, for the many kind words spoken by visitors and the valuable counsel and hearty support of Executive Committee, we return grateful thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. HARRIS,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

Brother W. B. Kent, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We, your Committee on Relief, beg leave to submit the following as our report to the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication:

We have been very careful and diligent and have found the Craft and the Grand Lodge in a very prosperous and healthy condition.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary issue a certificate of membership to Brother Walter R. Branham as a member of Oxford Lodge, No. —, as the records of said Lodge were burned, and this seems to be the only way of his being relieved.

We recommend that Stone Mountain Lodge, No. 449, be directed to properly record Brother A. E. Keese as a member of said Lodge, and that he be paid his per diem as Past Master of said Lodge for the years 1907 and 1908, Brother Keese having attended the Grand Lodge both of the said sessions for the full time.

We recommend that the sum of \$1.00 be refunded to Sumach Lodge, No. 55, because said Lodge paid dues on Brother J. P. Gregory to this Grand Lodge when Eton Lodge, No. 509, paid dues on him also.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary issue to Brother E. M. Sheram a certificate of membership, which he can use as a dimit, Brother Sheram having been a member in good standing of Cross Lodge, No. 12, at Lumpkin, Ga., when said Lodge forfeited its charter.

We recommend that the sum of \$50.00 be paid to Past Master S. T. Reid, of Jasper Lodge, No. 50, to relieve him of his dire necessity, and to partially compensate him for his faithfulness to this Grand Body and his loyalty to the Craft.

We recommend that the sum of \$1.00 be refunded to Whitesburg Lodge, No. 336, as said Lodge paid dues on a dimitted member by mistake.

We recommend that Millican's Creek Lodge, No. 302, be required to furnish the One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication of this Grand Body a complete record of the trial, findings and all actions of said Lodge in the matter of B. L. Powell, a former member of said Lodge, provided said Lodge does not recommend the restoration of said Powell before the next Grand Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. B. KENT, *Chairman*,
A. S. HARVEY,
J. A. WALKER,
J. J. BONEY,
T. F. CARTER,
T. C. SHADBURN,
B. L. BRINSON,
W. H. LLOYD,
EDWARD WYNN,
C. K. SHARPE,
H. C. HILLIS,
J. W. McMURTREY,
J. M. LEVY,
M. A. McQUEEN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Brother F. H. Saffold, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred such matters as should properly come before them, beg to submit the following report:

The following members of Lodges hereinafter designated by name and number of Lodge, who have been tried and convicted for un-Masonic conduct in accordance with the laws which govern its Jurisdiction, we recommend that the judgment and sentence in each case be confirmed and the members expelled, to-wit:

J. F. Hawkins, Lula Lodge, No. 352.
James White, Kivlin Lodge, No. 146.
W. H. Lumpkin, Oostanaula Lodge, No. 113.
M. F. Johnson, Oostanaula Lodge, No. 113.
D. L. Townsend, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
Farish C. McIntyre, Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.
C. L. Bellingrath, Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.

- S. W. D. Caraway, Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.
H. E. Tatum, Ball Ground Lodge, No. 261.
S. C. Williams, Spring Place Lodge, No. 145.
W. S. Franklin, Hollonville Lodge, No. 70.
A. T. Holcomb, Ball Ground Lodge, No. 261.
E. P. Overby, Turin Lodge, No. 337.
Early G. Page, Turin Lodge, No. 337.
B. B. Walton, Hiram Lodge, No. 51.
C. O. Jones, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
Robert C. Paxton, Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.
J. N. Hancock, Whitesburg Lodge, No. 336.
A. F. Batchelor, Latham Lodge, No. 12.
P. C. King, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
Lindsey Johnson, Oostanaula Lodge, No. 113.
C. S. Bowles, Kivlin Lodge, No. 146.
W. C. Halbrook, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
B. F. Maxwell, Primrose Lodge, No. 79.
John A. Thompson, Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.
Warner Akridge, Gate City Lodge, No. 2.
Dan Hudson, Waco Lodge, No. 332.
J. M. Locklear, Cherokee Lodge, No. 66.
John L. Gay, Ridgeway Lodge, No. 104.
Jacob G. Hiers, Bay View Lodge, No. 410.
J. W. Snooks, Springfield Lodge, No. 280.
W. C. Ragsdale, Turin Lodge, No. 337.
J. L. Johnson, Lithonia Lodge, No. 84.
E. C. Forehand, Byromville Lodge, No. 494.
W. A. McCullough, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
Percy E. Wood, Oostanaula Lodge, No. 113.
L. B. Cochran, Waco Lodge, No. 332.
J. C. Bertsch, Gate City Lodge, No. 2.
R. W. Cobb, DeSoto Lodge, No. 361.
A. A. Kitchens, Ancient York Lodge, No. 127.
F. W. Griffin, Oostanaula Lodge, No. 113.
H. Anderson, Bolton Lodge, No. 416.
J. M. Silvertooth, Cherokee Lodge, No. 66.
William Edwin Jenkins, Rocky Ford Lodge No. 372.
J. H. Guest, Joppa Lodge, No. 162.
Coke Smith, Douglasville Lodge, No. 289.
R. F. Mote, Coweta Lodge, No. 60.
J. O. Davies, Coweta Lodge, No. 60.
J. P. Bradley, Coweta Lodge, No. 60.
S. G. Porcher, Dixie Lodge, No. 242.
C. S. Kellert, Summerville Lodge, No. 109.
Frank G. White, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
H. L. Kelly, Western Lodge, No. 91.
H. H. Elliott, Bolton Lodge, No. 416.

R. C. Hawkins, Horeb Lodge, No. 281.
 S. H. Brown, Cossawatee Lodge, No. 306.
 G. B. Cobb, Bolton Lodge, No. 416.
 L. F. Bowen, Bolton Lodge, No. 416.
 W. F. Robinson, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 Geo. A. Caraway, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 H. E. Parks, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 S. J. Winkles, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 D. W. Esterlin, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 W. J. Bagby, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 Stewart McLean, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
 Martin Morrison, Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 239.
 M. J. Luke, Irwinville Lodge, No. 315.
 N. C. Wilson, Millwood Lodge, No. 198.
 S. O. Haney, Springville Lodge, No. 153.
 J. Tom White, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.
 Thomas Martin Hamilton, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 73.
 J. F. Short, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 73.
 L. L. Thomas, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 73.
 J. R. Bentley, Bowden Lodge, No. 206.
 Jesse Luke, Irwinville Lodge, No. 315.
 J. M. Simmons, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.
 O. O. Latimore, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.
 J. H. Ritchards, Siloam Lodge, No. 375.
 A. H. Haynie, Luthersville Lodge, No. 236.
 S. L. Wallace, Atlanta Lodge, No. 59.
 G. H. Sapp, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
 Edward Foxworth, Tifton Lodge, No. 47.
 J. P. Ivey, Bickley Lodge, No. 373.
 J. A. Sconyers, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.
 B. G. Smith, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.
 J. T. Miller, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.
 J. S. Adams, Laurens Lodge, No. 75.

We recommend that the following brethren be restored to membership in their several Lodges, to-wit:

Chas. A. Bush, Southwestern Lodge, No. 143.
 Geo. W. Bagley, DeSoto Lodge, No. 361.
 J. D. Moore, Lost Mountain Lodge, No. 357.
 H. C. Self, Floyd Springs Lodge, No. 167.
 W. H. Hall, Mt. Ebal Lodge, No. 169.
 W. J. Nation, Cassia Lodge, No. 238.
 J. A. Tomberlin, Western Light Lodge, No. 272.

We recommend in the following cases where appeals have been taken from the action of the Lodge, that the Lodge be sustained and the judgment stand:

J. H. Bedgood, Arabi Lodge, No. 387.
 J. M. Wright, Arabi Lodge, No. 387.

L. T. Reed, Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41.

W. O. Bellair, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.

In the case of Frank A. Powell, of Piedmont Lodge, vs. W. J. Houston, of Atlanta Lodge, we recommend that the action of the subordinate Lodge be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

In the following cases we recommend that the record be returned to the various Lodges, for the reason that the record in each case is incomplete and the Masonic law applying to such has not been complied with:

A. S. Mills, Bluffton Lodge, No. 287.

F. M. Hamilton, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 73.

L. D. Doy, Kennesaw Lodge, No. 33.

W. H. Mitchell, Meigs Lodge, No. 459.

W. A. Barrett and W. M. Baldwin, Folkston Lodge, No. 196.

F. L. Dyar, Oothcaloga Lodge, No. 154.

J. T. Veal, Goshen Lodge, No. 71.

We recommend that in the case of J. F. Bobo, from Cedar Creek Lodge, No. 275, that his petition for restoration be refused, unless he receives a recommendation in the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he now resides.

On appeal in the following case, we recommend that the appeal be sustained and a new trial had:

H. P. Lumpkin, Western Lodge, No. 91.

In the following cases, where appeals were taken, we recommend that the appeals be sustained, that a new trial be had and a change of venue had:

A. J. Welborn, Wood Station Lodge, No. 233.

A. C. Fallin, Coolidge Lodge, No. 504.

We recommend that F. J. Ingram, of Swainsboro Lodge, No. 244, who was expelled by the Grand Lodge, be restored.

We recommend further that the Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five, of which any three shall act, to investigate the general affairs of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, located at Arabi, and report to the Grand Master in order that such action may be taken as is necessary in the premises; giving and granting to said committee to conduct their investigations in such manner as they may see fit, with authority to take testimony, etc. This recommendation is made by this Committee for the reason that the testimony of the Master and several members of the Lodge on appeals brought up from the Lodge was of such nature that it indicated to this Committee that the Lodge was in a deplorable condition, and this Committee believes that the exigencies of the case demand action by this Grand Body for the good of Masonry. We further recommend that at the earliest date practicable that this Committee shall formulate its report, making such recommendations as they see fit, and if the findings of the Committee are such as to show that the Lodge is not in peace and harmony, then we recommend that the Grand Master suspend the charter instanter and require a showing to be made by Arabi Lodge at the next

meeting of this Grand Body in 1909, why the said charter should not be forfeited.

This Committee has been retarded in systematically taking up the work for the reason that a large number of appeals, recommendations, etc., were not sent in in sufficient time for the same to be docketed and classified by the Grand Secretary. We therefore recommend that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that hereafter the Appeals and Grievance Committee will not entertain nor act upon any paper that has not been sent to the Grand Lodge as required by Masonic law and custom.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. SAFFOLD, *Chairman*,
J. E. McCLELLAND,
W. T. WILLIAMS,
W. J. NUNNALLY,
W. W. WEBB,
S. A. SCOTT,
J. D. HAMRICK,
GUS. McDANIEL.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Brother A. D. Echols offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we appreciate the earnest efforts of our District Deputies to unify our work; also that we thank them for the very beautiful work done yesterday in the Entered Apprentice degree.

REPORT OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

Brother A. L. Bartlett, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Special Committee, appointed by virtue of a resolution to investigate the rumor with reference to the issuing of certain vouchers by Auditing Committee, No. 1, at the last session of this Grand Body, have investigated said matter and find that the alleged irregularity does not justify criticism, the same having originated by reason of the issuing of two or three vouchers in excess of time, same being done under mistake of facts.

We fail to find any intentional wrong on the part of said Committee, any member thereof or any brother connected therewith.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. BARTLETT, *Chairman*,
T. B. RICE,
H. B. MIKEL.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Brother W. H. Lloyd, having attended over thirty consecutive Communications of this Grand Lodge, is entitled to receive a badge of honor as adopted by the Grand Lodge for a Master or Past Master, having attended the Grand Lodge for thirty consecutive sessions.

SUBORDINATE SECRETARIES TO REPORT DEATHS.

Right Worshipful George M. Napier offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries of every subordinate Lodge shall, upon the death of a member of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction immediately write the Grand Secretary announcing the fact of such death, giving the date of the birth of the deceased, if obtainable, the date of his death and the number of years that he has been a member of the Craft. All the reports sent the Grand Secretary shall be filed by him and at the proper time be turned over to the Chairman of the Committee on Memorials.

PERMANENT AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

TRUSTEES MASONIC HOME.

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| THOMAS H. JEFFRIES..... | Grand Master..... | Atlanta |
| HENRY BANKS | Deputy Grand Master | LaGrange |
| JAMES M. RUSHIN..... | Grand Treasurer..... | Boston |

STATE AT LARGE.

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| THOMAS J. CARLING..... | Macon |
| JOSEPH K. ORR | Atlanta |

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

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| JAMES W. TAYLOR..... | Luthersville |
| MAX MEYERHARDT | Rome |

ELECTED MEMBERS.

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| First District | CHARLES F. FULTON | Savannah |
| Second District | W. E. SMITH | Attapulgus |
| Third District | J. N. EVANS | Rochelle |
| Fourth District | J. D. HAMRICK | Carrollton |
| Fifth District | JAMES L. MAYSON | Atlanta |
| Sixth District | CHAS. E. DAMOUR | Macon |
| Seventh District | J. P. BOWDOIN | Adairsville |
| Eighth District | L. M. HEARD | Elberton |
| Ninth District..... | FRANK T. DAVIE | Flowery Branch |
| Tenth District | J. T. NEAL | Thomson |
| Eleventh District | W. B. KENT | Mt. Vernon |

FINANCE.

JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, *Chairman*,

J. A. LITTLEJOHN,

J. R. STEPHENS

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Q. MOODY, *Chairman*.

GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

M. A. WEIR, *Chairman*.

W. S. SMITH,

LEVI COHEN

AUDITING COMMITTEE No. 1.

E. L. MERRELL, *Chairman*,

J. E. MATHIS,

A. W. SUTTLES

AUDITING COMMITTEE No. 2.

R. H. CARPENTER, *Chairman*,

C. F. BARRETT,

J. HARWELL HOUSE

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

F. H. SAFFOLD, *Chairman*.

CREDENTIALS.

CHARLES L. BASS, *Chairman*,

J. A. McDONALD,

SAMUEL A. BROWN

MEMORIALS.

A. D. ECHOLS, *Chairman*.

RETURNS.

P. T. McCUTCHEMS, *Chairman*,

W. A. SIMMONS,

B. L. PATTERSON

J. C. HARMAN,

CHAS. F. MORGAN

PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

JNO. R. WILKINSON, *Chairman*,

JAS. B. CLEMENTS,

J. A. LONGLEY

REVISION OF CODE.

PAUL F. AKIN, *Chairman*,

JOSEPH S. CALHOUN,

W. H. LUMPKIN

ARABI LODGE.

D. M. ROGERS, *Chairman*,

S. C. WEISIGER,

W. T. WILLIAMS

BOARD OF TEMPLE TRUSTEES.

JOHN R. DICKEY, *Chairman*,

E. A. HEARD,

I. A. BUSH, SR.

ROBT. H. TAYLOR,

OSCAR E. DOOLY



All the business of this session having been attended to, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Master.

Attest:

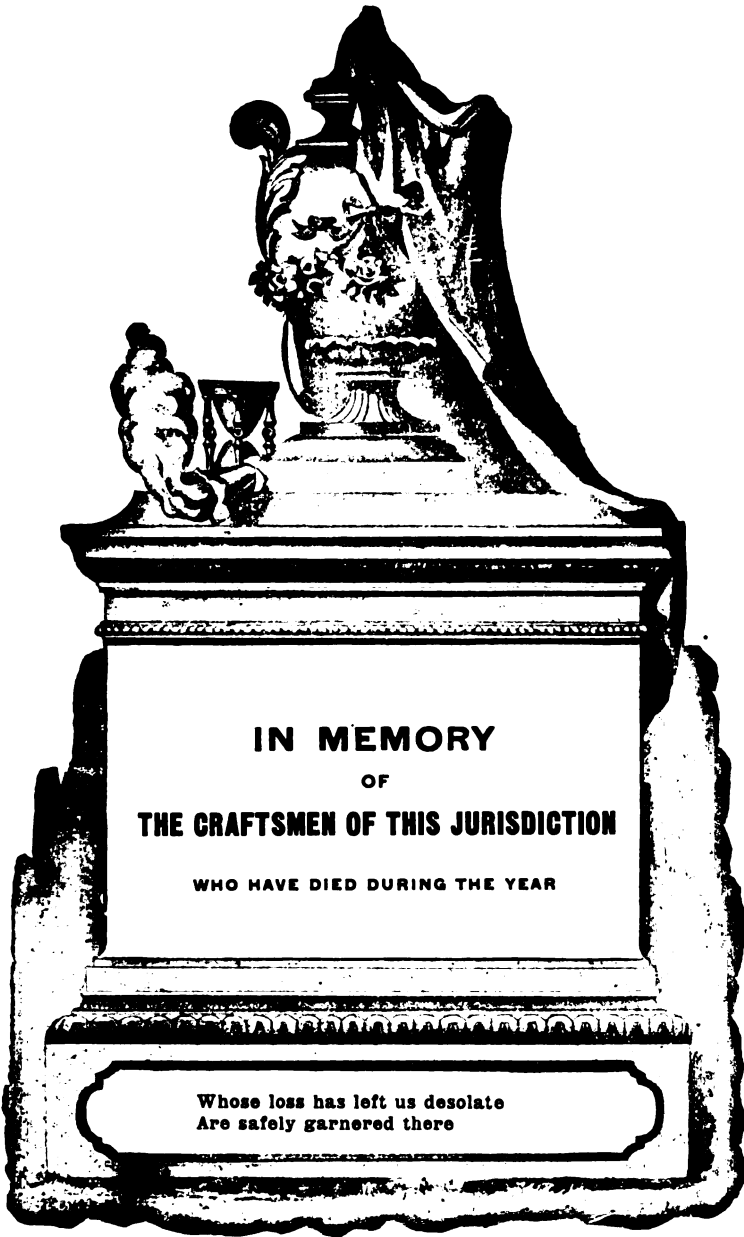
Grand Secretary.

RECAPITULATION.

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| Number of Lodges at opening of session | 530 |
| Number of Lodges at closing of session | 546 |
| Charters granted at this session | 16 |
| Lodges represented | 518 |
| Membership in 1907 | 28,420 |
| Membership in 1908 | 30,056 |
| Net gain in membership | 1,636 |
| Net gain in Lodges | 16 |

MEMORIALS





TABULAR STATEMENTS

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| NO | NAME OF LODGE | WHERE HELD | COUNTY | MASTER | SECRETARY | TIME OF MEETING |
|----|-------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Solomon's | Savannah | Chatham | F. B. Torlay | J. R. Cain | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 1 | Social | Augusta | Richmond | B. H. Reason | Wm. H. Crane | 2d Thursday. |
| 2 | Gate City | Atlanta | Fulton | Walter D. Waitt | Heard W. Dents | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 3 | Benevolent | Milledgeville | Baldwin | E. E. Bell | H. Goodman | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 4 | Rising Star | Eatonton | Putnam | L. M. Pennington | J. N. Hawkins | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 5 | Macon | Macon | Bibb | John A. Davis | W. B. Chapman | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 6 | Golden Fleece | Covington | Newton | A. S. Hopkins | J. W. Peek | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 7 | Columbian | Columbus | Muscogee | C. S. Brown | J. A. Beard | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 8 | Orion | Bainbridge | Decatur | V. Berry | T. P. Howell | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 9 | Mount Hope | Hawkinsville | Pulaski | E. J. Henry | N. F. Buff | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 10 | Olive | Talbotton | Talbot | W. O. DeLoach | W. C. Jameson | Friday before full moon. |
| 11 | Franklin | Warrenton | Warren | E. P. Davis | C. M. Smith | 1st Friday. |
| 12 | Latham | Austell | Cobb | W. D. Rutherford | Tom Jones | 1st Saturday, 3d Thursday. |
| 13 | Americus | Americus | Sumter | L. J. Blalock | G. S. Cobb | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 14 | Marion | Tazewell | Marion | J. H. Bryant | Z. T. Hogg | 1st Saturday. |
| 15 | Zerubbabel | Savannah | Chatham | J. W. Thomas | Wm. A. Bishop | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 16 | Hamilton | Hamilton | Harris | L. L. Stanford | J. H. Mobley | 2d Saturday, 2 o'clock P. M. |
| 17 | Darley | Fort Gaines | Clay | Van M. Fletcher | M. E. Peterson | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 18 | Strict Observance | Forsyth | Monroe | T. E. Fletcher | J. P. Carson | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 19 | Washington | Cuthbert | Randolph | J. W. Stanford | J. S. Zuber | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 20 | Generous Warren | Monroe | Walton | Clifford Walker | Ben. J. Edwards | 1st Tuesday. |
| 21 | Hiram | Omaha | Stewart | W. J. Carter | J. H. Carter | 1st Wednesday |
| 22 | Mt. Vernon | Athens | Clarke | H. R. Palmer | A. B. Harper | 2d Thursday. |
| 23 | LaFayette | Washington | Wilkes | W. A. Slaton | T. Ludlow | 2d Friday. |
| 24 | Albany | Albany | Dougherty | B. C. Adams | B. F. Brimberry | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 25 | Philomatheia | Elberton | Elbert | H. P. Hunter | J. W. Black | 1st Tuesday. |
| 26 | Meridian Sun | Griffin | Spalding | C. B. Mathews | J. T. Waldrop | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 27 | Morning Star | Thomaston | Upson | W. L. Jenkins | T. G. Bethel | 1st Monday. |
| 28 | Union | LaGrange | Troup | Henry Reeves | G. W. Smith | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 29 | John H. Felts | Norwood | Warren | J. B. Ivey | E. S. Ray | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |

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| 30 | Murrayville | Hall | H. H. Stephens | A. Smith | Thursday before full moon. |
| 31 | Montgomery | Pike | E. M. Owen | J. W. Means | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 32 | Rising Sun | Pattnall | H. C. Beasley | Joshua Beasley | 1st Saturday. |
| 33 | Kennesaw | Cobb | J. M. Austin | J. R. Greer | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 34 | San Marino | Green | | | |
| 35 | Houston | Houston | C. E. Brunson | John Hodges | Friday on or before full moon. |
| 36 | Unity | Jackson | Jesse C. Bennett | Wm. D. W. Dickson | 1st Tuesday. |
| 37 | Fraternal | Henry | J. M. Carmichael | J. F. Bowden | 1st Friday and 3d Saturday. |
| 38 | Blue Mountain | Lumpkin | Homer Head | Wm. J. Worley | 1st Tuesday. |
| 39 | Newborn | Newton | P. Wilson, Jr. | J. T. Wilson | Friday before full moon. |
| 40 | Chipley | Harris | T. T. Davis | J. B. White | Tues. after 2d Sun., 4th Sat. |
| 41 | Pythagoras | DeKalb | C. M. Candler | Laurence Everhart | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 42 | Leary | Calhoun | C. A. Bunch | H. Daniell | Friday after full moon. |
| 43 | West Point | Troup | H. B. Davidson | E. N. Dunn | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 44 | LaFayette | Forsyth | W. A. Edmundson | S. H. Allen | 1st Tuesday. |
| 45 | St. Johns | Butts | | | |
| 46 | Oakland | Meriwether | D. P. Ellis | L. C. Clark | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 47 | Tifton | Tift | J. S. Gauding | G. L. Blalock | 1st Thurs. and 3d Saturday. |
| 48 | Landrum | Chatham | Chas. S. Wood | W. C. Travis | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 49 | Boman | Polk | J. S. Brewster | J. C. Taylor | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 50 | Jasper | Jasper | E. A. Wynn | J. M. Pittard | 1st Friday. |
| 51 | Hiram | Danburg | W. T. Standard | W. N. Ware | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 52 | Gladesville | Wilkes | E. C. McKinley | J. I. Niblet | Saturday before full moon. |
| 53 | Bigham | Coweta | J. P. Walton | E. P. Floyd | Thurs. before 2d Sun., Sat. before 4th Sun. |
| 54 | Clinton | Chatham | Joseph P. Figg | Thomas S. Russell | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 55 | Sumach | Murray | W. D. Henry | R. N. McCamy | 3d Saturday. |
| 56 | Burns | Taylor | E. E. Hodges | R. H. James | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 57 | Walesca | Cherokee | H. N. Addington | R. M. Moore | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 58 | Hamilton | Washington | J. E. Heyman | J. G. Cooley | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 59 | Atlanta | Fulton | Thomas Evans | Zadoc B. Moon | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 60 | Coweta | Coweta | B. C. Sanders | E. D. Fouse | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 61 | Chattahoochee | Heard | Frank S. Loftin | E. E. Lewis | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 62 | Randolph | Randolph | E. A. Graham | S. S. Parham | 2d Wednesday. |
| 63 | Cartersville | Bartow | Joe S. Calhoun | G. W. Waldrup | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 64 | Cohutta | Whitfield | R. A. McCoy | Ira Jeter | Saturday before full moon. |
| 65 | Traveler's Rest | Macon | Jas. D. Maffitt | J. T. Stilwell | 1st and 2d Monday. |

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| 66 | Cherokee | Rome | Floyd | Max Meyerhardt | R. H. West | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 67 | Dawson | Crawfordville | Taliaferro | L. P. McCord | H. F. White | 2d Friday. |
| 68 | Dawson | Social Circle | Walton | J. L. Newton | C. E. Lloyd | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 69 | Carroll | Carrollton | Carroll | J. D. Hamrick | W. J. Millican | 1st Tuesday, and 3d Thursday. |
| 70 | Hollonville | Hollonville | Pike | Josephus Coggin | S. S. Goggin | 1st and 3rd Saturday. |
| 71 | Goshen | Roopville | Carroll | W. T. Freel | W. A. Garrett | 2d Saturday. |
| 72 | Villa Rica | Villa Rica | Carroll | G. P. Braswell | J. E. Leathers | 2d Saturday. |
| 73 | Philadelphia | Glennville | Tattnall | J. M. Folsom | J. J. Barnard | Friday before 2d Sunday. |
| 74 | Palmetto | Palmetto | Campbell | C. S. Reid | W. H. Astin | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 75 | Laurens | Dublin | Laurens | W. B. Rogers | J. W. Holland | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 76 | Campbellton | Campbellton | Campbell | John R. Carter | E. L. Hopkins | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 77 | Canton | Canton | Cherokee | Jabez Gault | Ben F. Perry | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 78 | Buchanan | Buchanan | Haralson | M. Bullard | A. Ayers | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 79 | Primrose | Bowman | Elbert | O. B. Walker | A. C. Adams | Thursday before 2d Sunday. |
| 80 | Weston | Weston | Webster | R. E. Bridges | A. H. Kenyon | 3d Saturday. |
| 81 | Oak Bowery | Ellijay | Gilmer | J. L. Parks | D. Garren | 1st Friday. |
| 82 | W. P. Arnold | Mesena | Warren | B. F. Thompson | B. L. Reese | 4th Saturday. |
| 83 | Zaradatha | Crawford | Oglethorpe | W. F. Love | R. S. Martin | Friday before full moon. |
| 84 | Lithonia | Lithonia | DeKalb | L. G. Brantley | W. T. Foster | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 85 | Daniel | Island Creek | Hancock | B. R. Harper | J. M. Grimes | 2d Saturday. |
| 86 | Magnolia | Blakely | Early | J. T. Freeman | W. M. D. Ray | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 87 | Jonesboro | Jonesboro | Clayton | E. L. Dorsey | J. J. Hartsfield | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 88 | Pinta | Barnesville | Pike | W. A. Prout | A. M. Lambdin | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 89 | W. D. Luckie | Atlanta | Fulton | R. M. Abernathy | C. M. Goodman | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 90 | Ringgold | Welden | Spalding | Robt. D. Ogletree | Joshua Hammond | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 91 | Western | LaFayette | Walker | S. W. Fariss | C. M. Conley | Saturday before full moon. |
| 92 | Cornelia | Cornelia | Habersham | J. A. Walker | N. J. Smith | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 93 | Hogansville | Hogansville | Troup | W. D. Zachry | R. H. Utting | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 94 | New River | Corinth | Heard | J. B. Sanders | J. S. Johnson | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 95 | M. B. Council | Americus | Sumter | L. A. Nisbet | S. A. Sullivan | 1st and 3d Friday. |

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| 96 | Georgia | Atlanta | Fulton | Wm. M. Smith | M. Z. Crist | 1st and 3rd Tuesday. |
| 97 | Rockmart | Rockmart | Polk | J. T. Gibson | W. H. Hubbard | 1st Saturday, 3d Friday. |
| 98 | Lookout | Valley Store | Chattooga | W. A. Simmons | W. S. Parker | Saturday before 4th Sunday. |
| 99 | Johnnie's Hill | Johnnie's Hill | Jackson | E. C. Hale | W. S. Murphey | 1st Saturday. |
| 100 | McRae | McRae | Telfair | C. A. Ryals | J. G. Vincent | 2d Saturday. |
| 101 | Whiteford | Whiteford | Laurens | J. B. Burch | S. L. Miller | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 102 | Chestatee | Wooley's Ford | Dawson | J. A. Cothern | A. J. Julian | 2d Tuesday. |
| 103 | Davidson | Davidson's Hall | Jackson | W. N. Strange | J. M. Haynie | 4th Saturday. |
| 104 | Ridgeway | Garfield | Emanuel | J. B. Fields | O. B. Aaron | Friday before full moon. |
| 105 | Dalton | Dalton | Whitfield | Frank F. Baker | W. M. Sapp | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 106 | Quitman | Ringgold | Catoosa | E. H. Rood | D. A. Trundle | Last Thurs. before full moon. |
| 107 | Sardis | Sardis | Fulton | J. S. Donaldson | Justinian Evins | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 108 | Chapel | Chapel Hill | Stewart | C. E. Banks | John M. Wade | 4th Saturday. |
| 109 | Summerville | Summerville | Chattooga | N. K. Bitting | S. C. Martin | 3d Friday. |
| 110 | Fort Valley | Fort Valley | Houston | L. Carter | J. W. Woolfork | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 111 | R. E. Lee | Mountain Hill | Harris | W. B. Smith | J. M. Bravner | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 112 | Jesup | Jesup | Wayne | Geo. F. Armstrong | Ira M. Raybon | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 113 | Oostanula | Rome | Floyd | A. S. Harvey | E. P. Treadway | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 114 | Alleghany | Blairsville | Union | J. Y. Walker | W. C. Sullivan | 3d Saturday. |
| 115 | Troup Factory | Troup Factory | Troup | J. A. Estes | J. H. Hardy | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 116 | Richard T. Turner | Pooler | Chatham | E. B. Douglass | W. S. Saffold | Sat. night nearest full moon. |
| 117 | Ochlocknee | Ochlocknee | Thomas | J. F. Singletary | A. E. Daniel | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 118 | Kimbrough | Cataula | Harris | Judson Johnson | J. B. Mitchell | 1st Friday and 3d Saturday. |
| 119 | Pine View | Pine View | Wilcox | W. F. Gaines | R. B. Tilly | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 120 | Mackey | Cave Springs | Floyd | John L. Tison | Chas. Beasley | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 121 | Caledonia | Cedartown | Polk | G. A. Mathews | W. D. Bennett | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 122 | Mount Olive | Molena | Pike | T. C. Holden | C. H. Grant | Thurs. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 123 | Baber | White Plains | Green | J. A. McDonald | J. I. Hiller | Friday before 2d Sunday. |
| 124 | Furlow | Plains | Sumter | C. H. Pope | S. W. Pope | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 125 | Calvin | Calvin | Jasper | Wm. C. Cornelius | S. S. Rambo | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 126 | Tallapoosa | Tallapoosa | Haralson | J. L. Savage | W. T. Smith | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 127 | Ancient York | Worthville | Butts | I. A. Bush | T. B. Perry | 3d Friday. |
| 128 | Camilla | Camilla | Mitchell | J. T. Adams | C. E. Benns | Friday before full moon. |
| 129 | Pickling | Butler | Taylor | C. D. Redwine | W. N. D. Dixon | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 130 | Mount Moriah | Fayetteville | Fayette | B. L. Patterson | J. W. Mitchell | 1st Tuesday. |
| 131 | Lawrenceville | Lawrenceville | Gwinnett | | | |

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| 132 | Andrew M. Wolihin | Sharon | Taliaferro | W. R. Moore | A. T. Ray | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 133 | Mount Hickory | Montvale | Chattooga | C. P. Gaines | J. A. Roper | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 134 | Hunter | Marshallville | Macon | G. S. Haslam | J. E. Haslam, Jr. | 1st Friday. |
| 135 | Fergus | Logansville | Walton | | | |
| 136 | Pine Log | Darien | Barrow | R. I. Battle | J. M. Elrod | Saturday before full moon. |
| 137 | Live Oak | Maxeys | McIntosh | Chas. M. Tyson | W. deR. Barclay | 1st Wednesday. |
| 138 | Howard | Hiram | Oglethorpe | E. H. Bryant | J. R. Nickolson | Saturday before full moon. |
| 139 | Bartlett | Orchard Hill | Paulding | E. W. Dean | R. T. Moon | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 140 | Claremount | Mount Airy | Spalding | Carson Crawley | G. W. Kinard | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 141 | Mount Airy | Haralson | Habersham | J. V. Christian | Burgess Smith | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 142 | Haralson | Oglethorpe | Coweta | T. W. T. Wilson | L. O. Hutchinson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 143 | Southwestern | Ellerslie | Macon | J. C. Stephens | W. J. Griffin | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 144 | Ellerslie | Spring Place | Harris | N. G. Oatis | Geo. A. Redding | 1st Saturday. |
| 145 | Spring Place | Grimes | Murray | F. E. Vonburg | J. C. Ellis | 1st Tuesday. |
| 146 | Kivlin | Broxton | Harris | J. L. Biggers | C. P. Pike | 2d Saturday. |
| 147 | Broxton | Homer | Coffee | T. J. Young | W. L. Dubberly | 1st Friday. |
| 148 | Phi Delta | Griffith | Banks | Oscar Brown | A. M. Mason | 1st Friday. |
| 149 | Griffith | Irwinton | Jackson | J. A. Crook | W. H. Hitchcock | 4th Saturday. |
| 150 | Irwinton | Doerun | Wilkinson | J. E. Butler | I. B. Stinson | 4th Saturday. |
| 151 | Doerun | Brooks Station | Colquitt | W. M. Smith | G. K. Porter | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 152 | Sharon Grove | Powder Spr'gs | Fayette | Arthur Digby | J. B. Carson | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 153 | Springville | Calhoun | Cobb | J. H. Lewis | Isaac C. Moon | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 154 | Oothcaloga | Cusseta | Gordon | A. H. Chastin | J. M. Fossett | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 155 | Cusseta | Stockbridge | Henry | W. A. Sapp | J. D. Bagley | 2d Saturday. |
| 156 | Harmony | Mauldin's Mill | Hall | Joseph Conkle | J. J. W. Hightower | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 157 | Hall County | Lexington | Oglethorpe | L. T. Jones | R. A. Wilbanks | 2d Saturday. |
| 158 | Lexington | County Line | Carroll | J. H. Bacon | C. M. Hunter | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 159 | County Line | Trion Factory | Chattooga | J. A. McAlister | B. F. Camp | Saturday before full moon. |
| 160 | Trion | Chauncey | Dodge | G. T. Myers | G. B. Myers | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 161 | Chauncey | | | J. M. Clark | W. B. Bussey | Friday before 3d Sunday. |

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| 162 Joppa..... | Point Peter..... | Oglethorpe..... | R. A. Broach..... | A. P. Stevens..... | Saturday before full moon. |
| 163 Satilla..... | Pearson..... | Coffee..... | D. J. Pearson..... | T. H. Mathews..... | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 164 Twiggs..... | Jeffersonville..... | Twiggs..... | B. B. Wimberly..... | F. E. Martin..... | 2d Tuesday and 3d Saturday. |
| 165 Roswell..... | Roswell..... | Cobb..... | Geo. E. Crowley..... | A. A. Martin..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 166 Webb..... | Augusta..... | Richmond..... | J. H. Flythe..... | W. H. Sherman..... | 3d Monday. |
| 167 Floyd Springs..... | Floyd Springs..... | Floyd..... | W. L. Selman..... | M. H. Ball..... | 1st Saturday. |
| 168 Adairsville..... | Adairsville..... | Bartow..... | W. P. Martin..... | M. M. Gaston..... | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 169 Mt. Ebal..... | Mt. Ebal..... | Fayettee..... | D. A. Handley..... | J. W. Spratlin..... | 3d Saturday. |
| 170 Rotherwood..... | Rotherwood..... | Carroll..... | J. W. Brown..... | D. A. Johnson..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 171 Adamsville..... | Hemphill..... | Fulton..... | | | |
| 172 McDonald..... | Pavo..... | Thomas..... | Reese Griffin..... | John P. Clower..... | Sat. before 2d Sun. Fri. before 4th Sun. |
| 173 Cross..... | Lumpkin..... | Stewart..... | J. T. Harrison..... | T. T. James..... | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sunday. |
| 174 Redwine..... | McConnell..... | Cherokee..... | W. W. Holcombe..... | M. M. Gentry..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 175 Zabud..... | Cabaniss..... | Monroe..... | C. D. Grant..... | R. C. Gibson..... | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 176 Acworth..... | Lovejoy..... | Cobb..... | A. J. Morgan..... | H. H. Logan..... | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 177 Pine Grove..... | Conyers..... | Rockdale..... | J. P. S. Nash..... | A. V. McVickers..... | 4th Saturday. |
| 178 Philologia..... | Trenton..... | Dade..... | M. H. Plunket..... | E. D. Borders..... | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 179 Trenton..... | Fairburn..... | Campbell..... | J. M. Lymanee..... | Frank Nethery..... | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 180 Fairburn..... | Elmodel..... | Baker..... | A. J. Luck..... | E. M. Brooks..... | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 181 Milford..... | Dallas..... | Paulding..... | J. B. Edmunds..... | J. M. Morgan..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 182 Dallas..... | High Falls..... | Butts..... | W. M. Hitchcock..... | W. I. Fain..... | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 183 High Falls..... | Valdosta..... | Lowndes..... | J. D. Aiken..... | G. C. Harkness..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 184 St. John the Baptist..... | Danville..... | Twiggs..... | O. H. McDonald..... | Geo. F. Pinder..... | Saturday before 4th Sunday. |
| 185 Cool Springs..... | Carnesville..... | Franklin..... | T. C. Holbrooks..... | Geo. W. Waters..... | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 186 Carnesville..... | Link..... | Stewart..... | Dan Gillis..... | J. M. Phillips..... | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 187 Center..... | Preston..... | Webster..... | J. W. Bullock..... | J. R. Stapleton..... | 1st Tuesday. |
| 188 Marshall..... | Hartwell..... | Hart..... | W. E. Meredith..... | W. B. McMullan..... | 1st Saturday. |
| 189 Hartwell..... | Rochelle..... | Wilcox..... | C. M. Blackshear..... | S. F. Laidler..... | 1st Tuesday. |
| 190 Rochelle..... | Hoschton..... | Jackson..... | M. E. Tison..... | W. T. Shaw..... | 2d Saturday. |
| 191 Rockwell..... | Brooksville..... | Randolph..... | J. J. Boney..... | S. B. Holman..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 192 Brooksville..... | China Hill..... | Telfair..... | Irwin Gates..... | R. L. Coleman..... | 4th Saturday. |
| 193 Coffee..... | Sylvester..... | Worth..... | Henry Lynn..... | Walter Branch..... | Monday before full moon. |
| 194 Worth..... | Baxley..... | Appling..... | T. L. Pickren..... | E. L. Wainwright..... | 1st Saturday. |
| 195 Holmesville..... | Folkston..... | Charlton..... | D. E. Gaskins..... | J. Q. Hammond..... | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 196 Folkston..... | Willacoochee..... | Coffee..... | | | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 197 Willacoochee..... | | | | | |

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| 198 | Millwood | Unadilla | Dooley | John T. Graham | D. L. Ivey | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sat. |
| 199 | Lumber City | Lumber City | Telfair | O. P. McArthur | A. L. Short | 1st Monday, 3d Saturday. |
| 200 | Walton | Shady Dale | Jasper | O. E. Lancaster | J. H. Young | Friday before full moon. |
| 201 | Ocoee | Morganton | Fannin | G. W. Tarpley | J. C. Powell | 1st Saturday. |
| 202 | Tunnell Hill | Tunnell Hill | Whitfield | Jacob A. Ault | C. P. N. Harris | Saturday before full moon. |
| 203 | Ashler | Winfred | Jasper | H. V. Edwards | A. J. Thomason | Saturday before full moon. |
| 204 | A. J. Miller | Thomson | McDuffie | D. L. Farmer | W. R. Hadley | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 205 | Hickory Flat | Hickory Flat | Cherokee | J. N. Simpson | S. A. Lackey | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 206 | Bowdon | Bowdon | Carroll | Jas. L. Lovvorn | W. T. Johnson, Jr. | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 207 | Marble Hill | Marble Hill | Pickens | J. M. Eaton | M. F. Eaton | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 208 | Hudson | Glades X Road | Putnam | P. E. Wheeler | W. A. Walton | Friday before full moon. |
| 209 | Alapaha | Statenville | Echols | B. F. Prine | J. G. Prine | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 210 | Sycamore | Sycamore | Turner | W. T. Williams | John J. Story | 2d Friday, 4th Wednesday. |
| 211 | Alpine | Menlo | Chattooga | E. M. Jennings | G. T. Horton | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 212 | Flowers Branch | Flow'ry Br'ch | Hall | W. D. Hawkins | J. A. Mooney | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 213 | Ogeechee | Statesboro | Bullock | Brooks Simmons | D. F. McCoy | 1st Friday, 3d Tuesday. |
| 214 | Ocean | Brunswick | Glynn | J. B. C. Blitch | E. H. Houseman | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 215 | Gaulding | Senola | Coweta | W. R. McCrary | T. J. Entretien | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 216 | Fulton | Atlanta | Fulton | C. T. Hall | Frank Wilby, Act. | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 217 | Cochran | Cochran | Pulaski | W. C. Dancer | W. M. Wynne | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 218 | Simon Holt | Colquitt | Miller | W. C. Grigg | J. W. Loving | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 219 | Gainesville | Gainesville | Hall | R. D. Grigg | W. B. Smith | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 220 | Pickens Star | Jasper | Pickens | William King | C. W. Pettitt | 1st Tuesday, 3d Saturday. |
| 221 | Sonora | Sonoraville | Gordon | J. B. Byers | A. W. Vandiviere | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 222 | Etowah | Dawsonville | Dawson | T. F. Carter | James Webb | 1st Tuesday, 3d Friday. |
| 223 | Snith | Richland | Stewart | G. M. Dames | H. J. Dame | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 224 | Cassia | Homerville | Clinch | M. H. Luten | M. L. Glenn | 2d Wednesday, 4th Saturday. |
| 225 | Attapulugus | Attapulugus | Decatur | J. A. Stephens | J. F. Williamson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 226 | Fort Early | Antioch Church | Crisp | M. M. Smith | J. S. Mallard | 2d Fri., Fri. before 4th Sun. |
| 227 | Altamaha | Ludowick | Liberty | | | |

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| 228 | Norcross | Norcross | Gwinnett | C. A. McDaniel | Richard A. Myers | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 229 | P. T. Schley | Dawson | Terrell | J. C. Hollingsworth | W. P. Skelton | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 230 | Auburn | Auburn | Gwinnett | F. Taylor | G. S. Perry | Saturday before full moon. |
| 231 | Ancient Landmark | Savannah | Chatham | Chas. A. Emerson | T. G. Basinger | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 232 | Mountain | Mountain | Walton | J. M. Bradley | V. A. Cooper | 1st Saturday. |
| 233 | Wood's Station | Wood's Station | Catoosa | C. A. Cooper | T. A. Williams | 4th Saturday. |
| 234 | Duncan | Nashville | Berrien | Jos. A. Alexander | W. R. Futch | 4th Saturday. |
| 235 | Alpharetta | Alpharetta | Milton | G. D. Rucker | J. M. Dodd | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 236 | Luthersville | Luthersville | Meriwether | Hugh W. Taylor | James H. Taylor | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 237 | Shalto | Quitman | Brooks | J. H. Mathis | M. C. Wade, Sr. | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 238 | Cassia | Grange | Jefferson | J. T. McNeal | G. W. McCoy | 4th Wednesday. |
| 239 | Aural | Mt. Vernon | Montgomery | J. C. McAllister | Wm. Bland | 3d Saturday. |
| 240 | Gordon | Gordon | Wilkinson | T. H. Hardee | C. H. McCord | 3d Saturday. |
| 241 | Lavonia | Lavonia | Franklin | H. H. Chandler | R. T. Poole | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 242 | Dixie | Dixie | Brooks | H. B. Austin | J. J. Harman | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 243 | Anderson | Wrightsville | Johnson | J. D. Outlaw | T. L. Harris | 1st Thursday, 3d Saturday. |
| 244 | Swainsboro | Swainsboro | Emanuel | F. H. Saffold | J. M. Nunez | |
| 245 | Lawrence | Wadley | Jefferson | Wiley P. Dobbs | J. B. Medford | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 246 | Woodstock | Woodstock | Cherokee | A. W. Godwin | E. B. Lee | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 247 | Eureka | Leesburg | Lee | B. F. Joyner | H. G. Edenfield | Thursday before full moon. |
| 248 | Screven | Millen | Jenkins | C. M. Sharp | W. J. Horsley | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 249 | Arlington | Arlington | Calhoun | W. D. Wells | J. L. Wells | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 250 | Smithville | Smithville | Lee | G. P. Snead | W. C. Rowden | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 251 | Sprayberry | Sprayberry | Henry | T. J. Cochran | I. C. Walton | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 252 | Draketown | Draketown | Haralson | W. D. Chapman | Bass B. Long | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 253 | W. P. Haynes | Jewells | Hancock | C. C. McRae | J. B. Monk | 2d Saturday, 4th Thursday. |
| 254 | Morven | Morven | Brooks | C. A. McAlister | M. A. Weir | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 255 | Mabel | Macon | Bibb | J. G. Tyler | W. J. Joiner | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 256 | Tennille | Tennille | Washington | Z. T. Thigpen | Wilson Glover | 3d Saturday. |
| 257 | Gibson | Gibson | Glascok | E. Hubbard | S. D. Cherry | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 258 | Ivna | Donaldsonville | Decatur | Jas. J. Kinsey, Jr. | John H. Davis | 1st Saturday. |
| 259 | Unicoy | Hiwassee | Town | R. F. Kincannon | F. V. Turk | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 260 | Stilesboro | Stilesboro | Bartow | C. W. Groover | John Klein | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 261 | Ball Ground | Ball Ground | Cherokee | J. T. Davis | G. R. Wilson | Sat. before 1st Sun., Fri. before 3d Sun. |
| 262 | Locust Grove | Locust Grove | Henry | J. N. Widner | C. A. Crumbley | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 263 | Damascus | Kestler | Early | | | |

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| 264 | Summertown | Summertown | Emanuel | M. J. McGee | J. M. Snellgrove | 1st Saturday. |
| 265 | Rabun Gap | Clayton | Rabun | J. C. Dover | V. A. Green | Friday before full moon. |
| 266 | A. I. Leet | Cassandra | Walker | R. B. Shaw | C. K. Brooks | 4th Saturday. |
| 267 | Salem | Salem | Decatur | J. C. Earnest | Thos. J. Jackson | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 268 | Carter Hill | Bedliehem | Walton | J. C. Beddingfield | Lloyd W. Leslie | 2d Saturday. |
| 269 | St. Johns | Red Bluff | Scriven | Geo. A. Moore | Israel H. Evans | 1st Friday. |
| 270 | Blackshear | Blackshear | Pierce | W. N. Brown | W. W. Yarbrough | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 271 | Hinesville | Hinesville | Liberty | W. W. Zorn | A. G. Thompson | 1st Friday. |
| 272 | Western Light | Abbeville | Wilcox | Thos. Walker | L. C. Goodin | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 273 | Friendship | Friendship C'h | Pulaski | F. M. Chalker | D. M. Harvey | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 274 | Waynesboro | Waynesboro | Burke | Floyd L. Scales | William B. Clemmons | 2d Friday. |
| 275 | Cedar Creek | Folsom | Bartow | A. A. Adcock | B. F. Mosteller | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 276 | Harlem | Harlem | Columbia | M. H. McElmurray | R. E. L. Reddy | Friday before full moon. |
| 277 | Mobley | Vaughn | Spalding | W. M. Parker | F. J. Freeman | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 278 | Chestnut Mountain | Chestnut Mt. | Hall | A. M. Morrow | W. A. Reed | 4th Saturday. |
| 279 | Eastman | Eastman | Dodge | John B. Clark | C. B. Murrell | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 280 | Springfield | Clyo | Effingham | W. T. Greene | O. E. Metzger | 4th Friday. |
| 281 | Moreb | Boston | Thomas | J. J. Parramore | T. B. Barrow | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 282 | Sixes | Cherokee | Cherokee | J. M. DeFoor | Luther Chapman | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 283 | Hazlehurst | Hazlehurst | Jeff Davis | D. A. Hardin | J. A. Moore | 3d Friday. |
| 284 | Z. T. Phelps | Shellman | Randolph | Geo. W. Schramm | N. L. Helm | 2d Friday, 4th Saturday. |
| 285 | Grantville | Grantville | Meriwether | F. H. Letson | A. M. Collins | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 286 | Dorminy's Mill | Dorminy's Mill | Ben Hill | J. E. Dykes | A. S. Dorminy | 3d Saturday. |
| 287 | Bluffton | Bluffton | Clay | R. G. Smith | E. S. Collins | 2d Saturday. |
| 288 | East Point | East Point | Fulton | J. H. Dennard | C. C. Mason | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 289 | Douglasville | Douglasville | Douglas | R. E. Edwards | F. M. Stewart | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 290 | Toombsboro | Toombsboro | Wilkinson | J. L. Dean | W. H. Freeman | Friday before 3d Sunday. |
| 291 | Tifton | Tifton | Whitfield | W. A. Stevens | J. D. Townsend | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 292 | Buford | Buford | Gwinnett | T. C. Shadburn | V. M. Beard | 2d Saturday, 4th Friday. |
| 293 | Rising Fawn | Rising Fawn | Dade | W. A. Steel | J. F. Austin | Saturday before full moon. |

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| 284 Hudson | Commerce | Jackson | J. B. Hardeman | J. T. Holbrook | 1st Thursday. |
| 285 Cassville | Cassville | Bartow | J. B. Crawford | G. W. Battle | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 286 Cordelia | Cordale | Crisp | R. R. Harris | W. T. Perry | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 287 High Shoals | High Shoals | Oconee | J. A. Christopher | T. W. Williams | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 288 Rutland | Liberty Chapel | Bibb | J. W. Cowart | W. C. Watson | 1st Monday. |
| 289 Cairo | Cairo | Grady | E. J. Pearce | Edward F. Richter | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 290 Crawfish Spring | Chickamauga | Walker | E. P. Hall | W. H. Henderson | 3d Saturday. |
| 291 Sylva | Sylvania | Screven | Wm. M. Hobby | W. L. Mathews | Fri. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 292 Millikin's Creek | Cedar Crossing | Toombs | C. H. Mann, Sr. | R. J. Martin | 4th Saturday. |
| 293 Bryan | Clyde | Bryan | T. C. Morgan | Geo. F. Hayman | 3d Saturday. |
| 294 Mount Hermon | Columbus | Muscogee | W. J. Kelly | Wm. L. Williams | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 295 Waycross | Waycross | Ware | R. L. Singleton | C. W. Wiggins | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 296 Cowaswatee | Decora | Gordon | R. G. Robertson | H. C. Green | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 297 Indian Spring | Flovilla | Butts | A. F. White | J. C. Maddox | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 298 Liberty Hill | Liberty Hill | Twiggs | J. H. Jessup | M. C. Kitchens | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 299 Toccoa | Toccoa | Stephens | W. A. Bailey | J. J. Bright | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 300 Adel | Adel | Berrien | R. C. Woodard | H. L. Parrish | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 301 Walnut Hill | Frolona | Heard | F. A. Hill | W. H. Alsobrook | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 302 Pelham | Pelham | Mitchell | D. M. Rogers | M. S. Stewart | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 303 Eureka | Alapaha | Berrien | M. J. McMillan | J. B. Price | 1st Friday and 3d Saturday. |
| 304 Meyerhardt | Kennesaw | Cobb | J. F. Brinkley | B. H. Carrie | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 305 Irwinville | Irwinville | Irwin | Jas. B. Clements | J. E. Walker | 3d Saturday. |
| 306 Mount Zion | Oscarville | Forsyth | W. A. Couch | R. M. Crow | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 307 Girard | Girard | Burke | H. C. Hillis | C. W. Bixton | Saturday before full moon. |
| 308 Alcoa | Newton Fac'y | Newton | O. L. Holmes | C. E. Cunard | On or before full moon. |
| 309 Sugar Valley | Sugar Valley | Gordon | N. A. Bradford | J. T. McEntire | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 310 Bussey | Bullockville | Meriwether | D. A. Hudson | J. F. Boykin | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 311 Greenville | Greenville | Carroll | N. F. Culpepper | D. O. Phillips | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 312 Temple | Temple | Cobb | D. H. Hamrick | J. S. Dobbs | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 313 Nelms | Smyrna | Dooley | J. H. Cantrell | A. W. Suttles | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 314 Vienna | Vienna | Habersham | H. A. Mobley | J. A. Walden | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 315 Clarksville | Clarksville | Camden | W. A. Simmons | J. A. Erwin | 2d Saturday. |
| 316 Woodbine | Woodbine | Johnson | A. K. Swift | F. G. Scott | 2d Thursday, 4th Wednesday. |
| 317 Kite | Kite | Pierce | J. D. Wheeler | Wm. N. Kight | Saturday before 4th Sunday. |
| 318 Hoboken | Hoboken | Pierce | R. B. Moore | Geo. D. Dryden | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 319 Few | Buena Vista | Marion | S. T. Wilson | W. T. Foster | 2d Friday, 4th Wednesday. |

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| 330 | Vidalia | Vidalia | Tooms | M. A. McQueen | P. S. Hagan | 1st Saturday. |
| 331 | Harrison | Agricola | Glascok | D. Q. Wilson | J. B. Haggan | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 332 | Waco | Waco | Haralson | F. A. Little | J. R. Latimer | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 333 | Winder | Winder | Jackson | Claud Mayne | R. D. Moore | 2d Friday. |
| 334 | Davidson | Woolsey | Fayette | James R. Jones | Chas. R. Woolsey | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 335 | Ezell | Claxton | Tattnell | James E. Rogers | G. G. Tiffin | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 336 | Whitesburg | Whitesburg | Carroll | J. F. Hilley | B. L. Camp | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 337 | Turin | Turin | Coweta | F. O. Watkins | L. T. Moses | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 338 | Lyerly | Lyerly | Chattooga | J. M. Rose | O. F. Doster | 1st Thurs., Sat. before 3d Sun. |
| 339 | Silver City | Silver City | Forsyth | G. W. Smith | Henry T. Hardin | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 340 | Dexter | Dexter | Laurens | J. A. Warren | Ernest Clark | Friday before 2d Sunday. |
| 341 | Sweat's Mountain | Trickum | Cherokee | C. C. Dobbs | S. D. McCleskey | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 342 | Handy | Handy | Coweta | Z. T. Estep | W. B. Martin | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 343 | DeWald | Rutledge | Morgan | M. L. Wallace | J. C. Wallace | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 344 | Primus | Lanier | Bryan | H. E. Brown | W. E. B. Priestor | 2d Saturday. |
| 345 | Stillmore | Stillmore | Emanuel | B. L. Brinson | A. G. Heath | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 346 | Hahira | Hahira | Lowndes | W. W. Webb | C. W. Webb | 2nd Saturday, 4th Wednesday. |
| 347 | Mayesville | Mayesville | Banks | J. B. Hill | Logan Perkins | 2d Thursday. |
| 348 | John H. Jones | Danielsville | Madison | J. R. Echols | S. B. O'Kelley | Saturday before full moon. |
| 349 | Morning Star | Fairmount | Gordon | John Cochran | J. E. Wilkes | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 350 | Sand Hill | Sand Hill | Carroll | J. A. F. Broom | D. M. Boatright | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 351 | Texas | Texas | Heard | T. M. Awbry | J. B. Barber | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 352 | Lula | Lula | Hall | I. T. Hyder | R. L. Scales | 4th Saturday. |
| 353 | Pine Level | Fitzgerald | Ben Hill | W. R. Dykes | D. B. Broadhurst | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 354 | Lincolnton | Lincolnton | Lincoln | W. B. Crawford | W. M. Cartledge | Friday before full moon. |
| 355 | Hollingsworth | Hollingsworth | Banks | N. P. Alexander | R. A. Nunnally | 4th Friday. |
| 356 | Whigham | Whigham | Grady | M. M. McCord | T. J. Mills | 1st Sat., 3d Friday. |
| 357 | Lost Mountain | Lost Mountain | Cobb | J. W. Arnold | L. B. Pickens | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 358 | Harrison | Harrison | Washington | H. T. Sheppard | W. H. Barksdale | 1st Thursday. |
| 359 | Washington | Ellaville | Schley | J. T. Royal | J. H. Holloway | 2d and 4th Thursday. |

| Patillo | Monroe | A. H. Chapple | J. E. Spruce | |
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| 360 Patillo | DeSoto | E. S. Ferguson, Jr. | J. J. W. Clopton | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 361 DeSoto | Flippen | R. P. Wood | J. F. Strickland | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 362 Flippen | Rocky Mount | C. W. Robertson | H. B. Clark | 2d Wednesday, 4th Saturday. |
| 363 Taylor | Plainsville | L. D. Smith | N. A. Dodd | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 364 Plainsville | Walnut Grove | R. M. Carter | J. O. Clay | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 365 Walnut Grove | Ochopee | Geo. W. Meadows | M. C. Harden | 1st Saturday. |
| 366 Ochopee | Camp Creek | M. J. Smith | A. A. Bruce | Friday before 4th Sunday. |
| 367 Dooly | Screven | D. R. Thornton | J. A. Hilton | 1st Saturday. |
| 368 Screven | Thomasville | W. S. Blacksh' r, Jr. | M. A. Fleetwood | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 369 Thomasville | Adrian | B. C. Kea | W. C. Smith | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 370 Adrian | McWhorter | J. H. Griffith | A. Hudson | 3d Saturday. |
| 371 Flint Hill | Rocky Ford | H. A. Proctor | Jas. M. Newton | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 372 Rocky Ford | Bickley | M. Henderson | J. J. Flanders | Friday before full moon. |
| 373 Bickley | Ocilla | W. C. Woods | C. E. Fisher | 1st Thursday. |
| 374 Ocilla | Snapping Sh's | C. F. Barnett | H. T. Harris | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 375 Siloam | Madison | A. E. Johnson | W. M. McGarity | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 376 Madison | Sandy Plains | H. A. O'Quinn | T. C. Keels | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 377 Sandy Plains | Dupont | C. T. Amason | A. D. Brady | 1st Sat. and Fri. before 3d Sun. |
| 378 Sirmons | Doles | H. M. Zeigler | Sam Crews | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 379 Doles | Lake Park | G. A. Harkan | C. L. Austin | 1st Tuesday, 3d Saturday. |
| 380 Oceana | Moultrie | C. H. Edwards | Alex Davidson | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 381 Moultrie | Cleveland | W. M. Bitch | W. A. Wilson | 4th Saturday. |
| 382 Yonah | Dover | J. A. Collins | W. J. Warren, Jr. | 4th Friday. |
| 383 Dover | Saville | G. P. Blanchard | C. O. Bonnell | 1st Friday. |
| 384 Saville | Alexander | John M. Hall | T. P. Wilcox | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 385 Alexander | Douglas | C. M. Jackson | K. M. K. Ragan | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 386 Douglas | Morgan | I. S. L. Millen | W. A. Waters | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 388 Reuben Jones | Mill Ray | F. W. Worrell | G. L. Jackson | 3d Friday. |
| 389 Mill Ray | Macon | E. A. Lewis | W. L. Rogers | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 390 Wolihin | Lulaton | R. Hightower | V. L. Crumbley | 4th Saturday. |
| 391 Bachlott | White House | W. H. Studstill | Eph Evans | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 392 White House | Milan | L. P. Gaines | J. T. Bailey | 2d Tuesday, 4th Saturday. |
| 393 Milan | Kingston | A. R. Heyward | S. S. Story | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 394 Kingston | Warwick | | | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 395 Warwick | | | | |

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| NO | NAME OF LODGE | WHERE HELD | COUNTY | MASTER | SECRETARY | TIME OF MEETING |
|-----|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 336 | Coleman | Coleman | Randolph | B. F. Brown | W. H. Joiner | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 337 | Rossville | Rossville | Walker | Wm. S. Henry | T. G. McFarland | 2nd and 4th Wednesday. |
| 338 | Davisboro | Davisboro | Washington | | | |
| 339 | Forest | Astor | Clayton | J. H. Huie | H. F. Puckett | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 400 | Nichols | Nichols | Coffee | S. L. Vinson | M. J. Meeks | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 401 | Concord | Concord | Pike | J. C. Owen | J. N. Riggins | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 402 | Marchman | Pine Log Ch'h. | Paulding | A. J. Gulledege | J. W. Postell | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 403 | Centralhatchee | Centralhatchee | Heard | W. B. Hardy | J. W. Bledsoe, Jr. | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 404 | Shannon | Comer | Madison | A. M. Scarborough | Geo. W. Whitehead | Saturday before full moon. |
| 405 | Harmony | Soperton | Montgomery | W. H. Moxley | J. W. Sherrod | 3d Saturday. |
| 406 | Hartsfield | Hartsfield | Colquit | S. S. Luke | T. J. Lawhorn | 2d Wednesday. |
| 407 | Yatesville | Yatesville | Upson | A. A. Crawford | B. S. Purfoy | Friday before full moon. |
| 408 | Crawford | Robertta | Crawford | A. J. Danielly | L. J. LeSueur | Friday before full moon. |
| 409 | Rhine | Rhine | Dodge | J. C. Walker | S. B. Floyd | Thurs. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 410 | Bay View | Bay View | Liberty | D. I. Dawson | F. L. Smiley | Friday before 3d Sunday. |
| 411 | Blue Ridge | Blue Ridge | Fannin | J. B. Chastain | F. G. Duncan | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 412 | Richmond | Hephzibah | Richmond | S. Hankinson | Henry S. Jones | Friday before full moon. |
| 413 | Griffin | Griffin | Spalding | T. S. Stephens | T. O. Mahaffey | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 414 | Stephens | Young Harris | Towns | J. A. Sharp | W. H. Dean | 4th Saturday. |
| 415 | Lone Oak | Lone Oak | Meriwether | James L. Prickett | James H. Sewell | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 416 | Bolton | Bolton | Fulton | C. L. Gillette | W. A. Cook | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 417 | Sibbie | Sibbie | Wilcox | G. C. Wilcox | R. A. Gibbs | 3d Wednesday. |
| 418 | Fort Hawkins | East Macon | Bibb | George Ward | Fred R. L. Stroberg | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 419 | Rose | Whitesville | Harris | J. L. Sappington | L. W. Stanford | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 420 | Woodbury | Woodbury | Meriwether | L. D. Long | J. M. Strotter | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 421 | Sweetwater | Luxomni | Gwinnett | G. W. Richardson | C. D. Bolton | 2d Saturday. |
| 422 | Norman | Tignall | Wilkes | W. R. Bradley | D. L. Garner | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 423 | McCays | McCays | Fannin | J. K. Adams | Lloyd T. Buell | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 424 | Long Cane | Long Cane | Troup | N. P. Moore | J. E. Traylor | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 425 | Oakwood | Oakwood | Hall | J. M. Sheffield | M. B. Sewell | Thursday before full moon. |

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| 426 | Royston | Franklin | J. F. Lee | G. G. Ridgeway | Thursday before full moon. |
| 427 | Amity | Oconee | T. T. Chandler | E. P. Johnston | Saturday before full moon. |
| 428 | Guyton | Effingham | Geo. H. Richter | J. A. Phillips | 1st Friday. |
| 429 | Sylvan | Coweta | O. L. Bryan | S. G. Allen | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 430 | Sincerity | Jones | J. C. Barron | W. W. Barron | Friday before full moon. |
| 431 | Henry C. Burr | Upson | J. J. Childs | J. B. Stewart | Friday after full moon. |
| 432 | Moniac | Charlton | L. W. Strickland | John Harris | 4th Saturday. |
| 433 | Dacula | Gwinnett | L. C. Mauldin | Jas. M. Wilson | 2d Tuesday. |
| 434 | Miltozn | Berrien | P. T. Knight | W. L. Black | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 435 | Metter | Bulloch | M. L. Paterson | A. H. Stapler | 1st Saturday. |
| 436 | Kent | Montgomery | O. L. O'Brien | W. O. Dukes | 1st Saturday. |
| 437 | Lenox | Berrien | W. M. Bird | J. Coleman, Jr. | 4th Saturday. |
| 438 | Roger Wood | Cobbtown | W. J. McKinney | J. S. Sermans | Fri. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 439 | Sparks | Berrien | John E. Foy | Thos. A. Dutton | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 440 | Egypt | Effingham | J. A. Huie | J. H. Gibson | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 441 | Riverdale | Clayton | J. S. L. Sappington | Ellison R. Cook | Tues. after 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 442 | Sparta | Hancock | | | |
| 443 | Elko | Houston | | | |
| 444 | Chamblee | DeKalb | J. W. McMurtrey | P. C. Coker | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 445 | Lookout Mountain | Walker | J. M. Addington | J. A. Whitt | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 446 | Hamby | Clinch | S. R. Kirtton | F. E. Crum | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 447 | Piedmont | Fulton | Chas. P. Taylor | H. M. Wood | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 448 | Amity | Lincoln | H. L. Culbertson | J. H. Porter | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 449 | Stone Mountain | DeKalb | C. I. DeShong | J. F. Beaton | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 450 | Byron | Houston | | | |
| 451 | Baconton | Mitchell | W. J. Mullens | T. S. Jackson | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 452 | Funston | Colquitt | A. W. Hamilton | J. S. Monk | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 453 | Norman | Colquitt | J. H. Hall | F. L. Courtney | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 454 | College Park | Fulton | E. F. Lupton | Fred Shaefer | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 455 | Lindale | Floyd | D. W. Barnett | C. O. Lloyd | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 456 | Bremen | Haralson | W. D. Smith | W. O. Walker | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 457 | Euhalee | Bartow | J. F. McGowan | M. C. Nelson | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 458 | Summit | Emanuel | E. L. Cowart, Jr. | J. W. Bowie | 2d Friday. |
| 459 | Meigs | Thomas | J. M. Picher | M. Wilkes | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 460 | Thagard | Laurens | R. L. Faircloth | J. T. Grimstead | Friday before 3d Sunday. |
| 461 | Buckhead | Buckhead | R. N. Pirkle, Sr. | T. L. Ketchersid | 2d and 4th Friday. |

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| 462 | Bartow | Bartow | Jefferson | T. Y. Smith | R. H. Malone | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 463 | Gordon Springs | Gordon Springs | Whitfield | R. R. McArthur | W. L. Kiown | 1st Saturday. |
| 464 | Rebecca | Rebecca | Turner | F. H. Taylor | Geo. F. Moore | 4th Saturday. |
| 465 | Gay | Guest | Colquitt | J. R. Nettles | C. H. Parsons | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 466 | Salem | Salem | Pulaski | G. M. Scarborough | J. W. Hinson | 4th Saturday. |
| 467 | Wellington | Bostwick | Morgan | P. L. Adair | W. M. Fambrough | 4th Friday. |
| 468 | Antioch | Abbottsford | Troup | W. M. Hardaway | J. R. Hammond | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun |
| 469 | Pembroke | Pembroke | Bryan | S. S. Moyd | Henry J. Bacon | 3d Friday. |
| 470 | Stonewall | Louisville | Jefferson | R. L. Bethea | W. A. Stone | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 471 | Howell | Howell | Echols | G. E. Gupton | T. J. Rizer | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 472 | Sale City | Sale City | Mitchell | F. A. Perry | B. F. Ray | 4th Thursday. |
| 473 | Pinehurst | Pinehurst | Dooly | Paul Ellison | W. O. Sanders | 1st and 3d Tuesday |
| 474 | Jenkinsburg | Jenkinsburg | Butts | A. F. Taylor | W. M. Stone | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 475 | Meansville | Meansville | Pike | J. J. Howell | E. M. Slade | 1st Saturday, 3d Friday. |
| 476 | Camden | Kingsland | Camden | J. B. Smith | C. F. Goolsby | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 477 | New Home | New Home | Johnson | N. B. Snider | J. C. Harrison | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 478 | Lyons | Lyons | Toombs | V. H. Coursey | S. I. Hussey | 1st Monday, 3d Wednesday. |
| 479 | Glenwood | Glenwood | Montgomery | Thomas Kent | Jas. T. Geiger | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 480 | Duluth | Duluth | Gwinnett | D. W. Wilson | J. V. Adams | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 481 | Gordon | Waverly Hall | Harris | Geo. T. Gurr | John G. Owen | 1st Tuesday. |
| 482 | Stilson | Stilson | Bulloch | John I. Lane | G. W. Lewis | 3d Saturday. |
| 483 | Mineral Bluff | Mineral Bluff | Fannin | J. V. Smith | I. R. Christopher | 2d Tuesday, 4th Saturday. |
| 484 | Suttle | Green Bush | Walker | J. M. Jackson | F. A. McWilliams | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 485 | Tate | Tate | Pickens | Albert Morris | M. S. Long | 1st Saturday, 3d Friday. |
| 486 | Palestine | Atlanta | Fulton | James E. Warren | W. A. Fuller | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 487 | Faceville | Faceville | Decatur | W. M. Duke | W. H. Wells | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 488 | Babcock | Babcock | Miller | J. H. Sessions | R. O. McNair | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 489 | Mansfield | Mansfield | Newton | J. W. Henderson | J. H. Roquemore | Thursday before full moon. |
| 490 | County Line | County Line | Polk | E. D. Hulsey | W. R. Ingram | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 491 | Jason Burr | Mountville | Troup | | | |

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| 492 | Clarkston | Clarkston | DeKalb | F. M. Kenney | Clem Jolly | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 493 | Butler | Surrency | Appling | Joshua Tillman | J. M. Caulemore | 2d Saturday. |
| 494 | Byromville | Byromville | Dooly | L. W. Mobley | L. A. Woodruff | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 495 | Elm | Elm | Colquitt | S. L. Hall | S. W. Willis | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 496 | Metcalfe | Metcalfe | Thomas | B. F. Smith | W. A. Monroe | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 497 | Jersey | Jersey | Walton | | | |
| 498 | Pulaski | Pulaski | Bullock | | | |
| 499 | Montrose | Montrose | Laurens | J. T. Melton | Clinton C. Wade | Tues. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 500 | Edison | Edison | Calhoun | E. Lasseter | W. A. Manry | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 501 | S. G. Kent | Rockledge | Laurens | | | |
| 502 | Olliff | Register | Bullock | C. H. Anderson | D. O. Beasley | Thursday before 4th Sunday. |
| 503 | Newington | Newington | Scriven | R. M. Colson | A. J. Carter | 2d Friday. |
| 504 | Coolidge | Coolidge | Thomas | W. A. Busell | L. P. Murphy | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 505 | Truth | Scott | Johnson | Gaillard Carter | I. C. Conn | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 506 | Crest | Crest | Upson | Emory Long | J. L. Mallory | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 507 | Bogart | Bogart | Oconee | S. M. Wellborn | J. P. Wise | |
| 508 | Zion | Mt. Zion | Carroll | H. M. Earnest | W. T. Morris | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 509 | Eton | Eton | Murray | S. A. Brown | W. L. Isenhour | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 510 | Dawnville | Dawnville | Whitfield | J. S. Rollins | A. L. Rollins | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 511 | Chappell | Union Point | Green | W. J. Newson | H. Lamb | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 512 | Concord | Concord | Hall | D. J. Lockhart | D. J. Blackwell | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 513 | Davitt | Aragon | Folk | W. A. Lanham | W. C. Randall | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 514 | Kelly | Denton | Jeff Davis | J. T. McEachin | R. J. Roddenberry | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 515 | Bethel | Bethel S. House | Turner | M. L. Hardman | J. D. Hallman | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 516 | Cecil | Cecil | Berrien | R. G. Luke | D. J. Dickerson | 1st Saturday, 3d Tuesday. |
| 517 | Martin | Martin | Stephens | L. V. Matheson | J. H. Stovall | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 518 | Subigna | Subigna | Chattooga | George Morton | T. W. Clements | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 519 | Zingara | Zingara | Rockdale | J. C. Bowen | P. L. Graham | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 520 | Beach | Beach | Ware | | | |
| 521 | Midville | Midville | Burke | E. A. Harris | Julius Asher | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 522 | Winston | Winston | Douglas | W. K. Burnett | T. A. Thompson | Sat. before 2d and 3d Sun. |
| 523 | Battle Hill | Battle Hill | Fulton | J. B. Roberts | M. M. Anderson | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 524 | Omega | Omega | Tift | W. W. Baker | L. M. Williams | Thurs. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 525 | Brooklet | Brooklet | Bulloch | W. H. Howell | J. W. Robertson | 2d Friday. |
| 526 | Tarrytown | Tarrytown | Montgomery | D. F. Warnock | J. T. Warnock | 2d Saturday. |
| 527 | Morris | Skeinah | Fannin | A. H. Morris | E. C. Garland | 3d Saturday. |

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| 528 | Lovett | Lovett | Laurens | L. P. Fordham | O. W. Parker | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 529 | Spread | Spread | Jefferson | E. B. Rogers | W. S. Glenn | Tuesday after 2d Sunday. |
| 530 | Alma | Alma | Appling | A. S. Cody | A. S. Youmans | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 531 | Mercer | Penfield | Greene | W. A. Dreyer | G. D. McMekin | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 532 | Lucile | Lucile | Early | R. R. McLendon | A. D. Spivey | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 533 | Red Hill | Dublin | Laurens | B. F. Dixon | T. A. Chastain | |
| 534 | Blain | Blain | Pickens | W. M. McLeod | | |
| 535 | Collins | Collins | Tattnall | J. T. Latham, Jr. | | |
| 536 | Helena | Helena | Telfair | Y. A. Harris | | |
| 537 | John W. Akin | Taylorsville | Bartow | J. M. Dorsey | | |
| 538 | O. W. T. Rogers | Rogers Acad'y | Madison | W. S. Strickland | | |
| 539 | Bethlehem | Bethlehem C'h | Randolph | B. F. Johnson | | |
| 540 | Minter | Minter | Laurens | H. N. Thigpen | G. F. Pridgon | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 541 | Newton | Newton | Baker | Lucius P. Farmer | Paul E. Haile | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 542 | Sweet Gum | Sweet Gum | Fannin | J. R. Harper | | |
| 543 | Panthersville | Panthersville | DeKalb | R. A. Keiley | | |
| 544 | Elm City | LaGrange | Troup | P. T. Sparks | C. J. Parham | |
| 545 | Thelma | Towns | Telfair | J. L. Gufford | | |
| 546 | Sackville | Sackville | Carroll | John W. Ballard | | |

GRAND SECRETARIES

AND REPRESENTATIVES

**GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND
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| Alberta | G. McDonald | Calgary |
| Arizona | George J. Roskrige | Tucson |
| Arkansas | Fay Hempstead | Little Rock |
| British Columbia | Robert E. Brett | Victoria |
| California | Geo. Johnson | San Francisco |
| Canada | John H. Mason | Hamilton |
| Colorado | Chas. H. Jacobson | Denver |
| Connecticut | John H. Barlow | Hartford |
| Costa Rica | Edmund A. Osbourn | San Jose |
| Cuba | C. G. Charles | Havana |
| Delaware | Benj. F. Bartram | Wilmington |
| District of Columbia | Arvine W. Johnston | Washington |
| Florida | W. P. Webster | Jacksonville |
| Georgia | William A. Wolihin | Macon |
| Idaho | Theo W. Randall | Boise City |
| Illinois | Isaac Cutter | Camp Point |
| Indiana | Calvin W. Prather | Indianapolis |
| Indian Territory | Joseph S. Murrow | Atoka |
| Iowa | Newton R. Parvin | Cedar Rapids |
| Kansas | Albert K. Wilson | Topeka |
| Kentucky | Henry B. Grant | Louisville |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | Stephen Berry | Portland |
| Manitoba | James A. Ovas | Winnipeg |
| Maryland | Jacob H. Medairy | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts | Seren D. Nickerson | Boston |
| Michigan | Lon B. Winsor | Reed City |
| Minnesota | John Fishel | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | Frederick Speed | Vicksburg |
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| Nebraska | Francis E. White | Omaha |
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| New Hampshire | Frank D. Woodbury | Concord |
| New Jersey | Thomas H. R. Redway | Trenton |
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| North Dakota | Frank J. Thompson | Fargo |

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| Oregon..... | James F. Robinson..... | Eugene |
| Pennsylvania..... | Wm. A. Sinn..... | Philadelphia |
| Prince Edward's Island..... | Neil McKelvie..... | Summerside |
| Puerto Rico..... | Frederick R. Yurmet..... | Puerta de Tierra |
| Quebec..... | Will H. Whyte..... | Montreal |
| Rhode Island..... | S. P. Williams..... | Providence |
| South Carolina..... | J. T. Barron..... | Columbia |
| South Dakota..... | George A. Pettigrew..... | Sioux Falls |
| Tennessee..... | John B. Garrett..... | Nashville |
| Texas..... | John Watson..... | Houston |
| Utah..... | Christopher Diehl..... | Salt Lake City |
| Vermont..... | H. H. Ross..... | Burlington |
| Virginia..... | Geo. W. Carrington..... | Richmond |
| Washington..... | Horace W. Tyler..... | Tacoma |
| West Virginia..... | Hiram R. Howard..... | Point Pleasant |
| Wisconsin..... | Wm. W. Perry..... | Milwaukee |
| Wyoming..... | William L. Kuydendall..... | Saratoga |
| Western Australia..... | J. D. Stephenson..... | Perth |

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WITH NAME AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

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| BELGIUM—Grand Orient of | Rain Nedgrot | Brussels |
| BELGIUM—Supreme Council of | Leopold Riche | Brussels |
| BRAZIL—Grande Orente e Supremo Conselho of | Antonio P. Mendez | Rio de Janeiro |
| COLUMBIA—Supremo Consejo y Grande Oriente of the United States of | Damaro Zapota | Carthagena |
| ISLAND OF CUBA—Gran Logia | Aurelio Miranda | Havana |
| EGYPT—Grand Oriente of | Francisco F. Oddi | Alexandria |
| ENGLAND—Grand Lodge of | E. Letchworth, F. S. A. | London |
| GERMANY— | William Wald | Berlin |
| IRELAND— | Henry E. Flavelle, D. O. S. | Dublin |
| ITALY—Grand Oriente of | Achille Ballori | Rome |
| NEW SOUTH WALES—United Grand of | Arthur H. Bray | Sydney |
| PERU—Grand Logia of Republic of | J. Arthur Ego-Aguirre | Lima |
| PRUSSIA—Grosse National-Mutter Loge der Preussischen Staaten | E. T. P. Meyerhoff | Berlin |
| PRUSSIA—Grosse Loge Von Pressen, Royal York zur Freundschaft | Carl August Bouche | Berlin |
| SCOTLAND—Grand Lodge of | David Reid | Edinburgh |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA—Grand Lodge of | James H. Cunningham | Adelaide |
| SPAIN—Grande Oriente legal y regular of | Joaquin Reiz | Madrid |
| VENEZUELA—Grand Oriente Nacional of the United States of | Jose Alovzua | Caracas |
| VICTORIA—United Grand Lodge of | John Braim | Melbourne |

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THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA.**

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> | <i>Residences</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Alabama | James W. Taylor | Luthersville |
| Alberta | A. Q. Moody | Boston |
| Arkansas | J. A. Longley | Dalton |
| Arizona | D. W. Simmons | Rome |
| British Columbia | I. Steinheimer | Atlanta |
| California | R. H. Taylor | Griffin |
| Canada | R. A. Henderson | Atlanta |
| Colorado | E. H. Robertson | Dallas |
| Connecticut | George M. Napier | Monroe |
| Cuba | Julius L. Mack | Macon |
| Coahuila | Julius L. Brown | Atlanta |
| Costa Rica | Thomas H. Young | Fairburn |
| Delaware | H. L. Culbertson | Amity |
| District of Columbia | Oscar E. Dooly | Macon |
| England | Max Meyerhardt | Rome |
| Egypt | A. J. Baxter | High Shoals |
| Florida | W. E. Smith | Attapulgas |
| Germany | R. I. Battle | Pine Log |
| Idaho | J. J. Nunnally | Monroe |
| Illinois | Thomas J. Carling | Macon |
| Indiana | James L. Mayson | Atlanta |
| Indian Territory | James M. Rushin | Boston |
| Ireland | W. A. Wolihin | Macon |
| Italy | J. D. Hamrick | Carrollton |
| Kansas | Henry Banks | LaGrange |
| Louisiana | Clifford L. Smith | LaGrange |
| Maine | W. B. Kent | Mt. Vernon |
| Manitoba | J. M. Levy | Covington |
| Maryland | J. S. Gaulding | Tifton |
| Michigan | U. V. Whipple | Cordele |
| Minnesota | James L. Gilmore | Lela |
| Mississippi | W. F. Dorsey | Athens |
| Missouri | T. W. Dooley | Eudora |
| Montana | M. McCormack | Sparks |
| Nebraska | W. B. Haygood | Farmington |
| Nevada | S. Schwarzweiss | Waynesboro |
| New Brunswick | W. G. England | Cedartown |
| New Hampshire | F. M. Chalker | Hawkinsville |
| New Jersey | W. L. Selman | Floyd Springs |
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| New South Wales | L. A. Perdue | Newnan |

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| New York | Robert L. Colding | Savannah |
| North Carolina | Thomas H. Jeffries | Atlanta |
| North Dakota | B. H. Patterson | Baxley |
| Nova Scotia | E. J. Fuller | Dublin |
| New Zealand | W. B. Martin | Handy |
| Ohio | James B. Clements | Irwinville |
| Oregon | Jabez Galt | Canton |
| Oklahoma | J. B. Roberts | Atlanta |
| Prince Edward's Island | L. J. Blalock | Americus |
| Quebec | Y. A. Wright | Jackson |
| Queensland | L. P. Gaines | Kingston |
| Rhode Island | W. B. Chapman | Macon |
| Saskatchewan | Jno. B. Clarke | Eastman |
| Saxony | J. E. Redwine | Gainesville |
| Scotland | Joseph C. Greenfield | Atlanta |
| South Carolina | L. C. Hayne | Augusta |
| South Dakota | Chas. N. King | Spring Place |
| Western Australia | A. G. Vilee | Waycross |
| Tamaulipas | J. R. Stephens | Hartwell |
| Tennessee | S. E. Berry | Dalton |
| Texas | F. O. Miller | Fort Valley |
| Utah | Chas. P. Gordon | Dalton |
| Valley of Mexico | J. E. White | Thomason |
| Vermont | Paul F. Akin | Cartersville |
| Victoria | R. E. Edwards | Douglasville |
| Virginia | Jno. R. Wilkinson | Atlanta |
| Washington | R. D. Murrell | Aikerton |
| West Virginia | Jno. E. McClelland | Stone Mountain |
| Wisconsin | P. S. Burney | Madison |

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
GEORGIA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.**

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> | <i>Residences</i> |
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| Alabama | James A. Bilbo | Gadsden |
| Arkansas | Geo. Thornburg | Little Rock |
| Arizona | Thomas M. Bunch | |
| British Columbia | Edgar Crow Baker | Victoria |
| Brazil | Lueiz de Carvallie | Mellow |
| California | William Sims | Winters |
| Canada | W. J. Wright | Pembroke, Ont. |
| Colorado | Cornelius J. Hart | Pueblo |
| Connecticut | Geo. A. Kies | Norwich |
| Colon and Cuba | Juan Alcina | Havana |
| Delaware | John W. Causey | Millford |
| District of Columbia | Harrison Dingman | Washington |
| England | Brackston Baker | London |
| Egypt | Idris Bay Raghel | Cairo |
| Florida | H. W. Long | Ocala |
| Idaho | A. Hass | Silver City |
| Illinois | J. A. Delancey | Centralia |
| Indiana | Presley Smith | Paragon |
| Indian Territory | J. S. Murrow | Atoka, C. N. |
| Ireland | Thomas Butler | Dublin |
| Kansas | Harry E. Best | Manhattan |
| Louisiana | Mark Quayles | New Orleans |
| Maine | Bial F. Bradbury | Norway |
| Maryland | G. Henry Pfeil | Baltimore |
| Michigan | Edward S. Parks | East Saginaw |
| Minnesota | W. B. Patton | |
| Mississippi | Robert B. Brannin | Aberdeen |
| Manitoba | Thomas Lewis Horton | Gladstone |
| Missouri | A. M. Crow | Kansas City |
| Montana | W. H. Holloway | Bozeman |
| Nebraska | Edwin F. Warren | Nebraska City |
| Nevada | Jason S. Burlingame | Carson City |
| New Zealand | George Fowldes | Auckland |
| New Hampshire | Chas. C. Haynes | Manchester |
| New Jersey | Wm. D. Rutan | Newark |
| New Brunswick | James D. Short | St. John's |
| New South Wales | E. Scholes | |
| New York | Seymore H. Durkee | New York City |
| North Carolina | H. J. Lovick | Newbern |
| North Dakota | Louis B. Hanna | |
| Nova Scotia | Robert J. Wilson | Halifax |

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| New Mexico | W. Harroum | Sante Fe |
| Ohio | Geo. D. Copeland | Marion |
| Oregon | Wm. Armstrong | Salem |
| Prince Edward's Island | Walter P. Dowell | Charlestown |
| Quebec | George H. Tyler | Three Rivers |
| Queensland | E. Dening Day | Brisbane |
| Rhode Island | Joshua M. M. Adderman | Providence |
| Saskatchewan | A. W. Argue | Grenfell |
| South Carolina | Wm. A. Giles | Grantville |
| South Dakota | Fred J. McLaren | Flandreau |
| Tennessee | G. R. Gwynne | Lebanon |
| Texas | Ingham S. Roberts | |
| Utah | Jessee M. Smith | Provo |
| Victoria | E. R. Peacock | Melbourne |
| Virginia | Chas. A. Taylor | Richmond |
| Vermont | E. P. Fewsberry | Woodstock |
| Valles of Mexico | Chas. H. Hughes | Mexico City |
| Washington | Edward F. Waggoner | Spokane |
| West Virginia | J. A. Bryan | Fairmont |
| Wisconsin | W. F. Grunewald | Oshkosh |
| Western Australia | Andrew C. McCallum | Perth |
| Scotland | Robert McFarland | Dunbarton |

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We herewith submit our eighth Report on Correspondence:

LIST OF GRAND LODGES REVIEWED.

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| Alabama | Nevada |
| Arizona | New Brunswick |
| British Columbia | New Hampshire |
| California | New Jersey |
| Canada | New Mexico |
| Colorado | New South Wales |
| Connecticut | New York |
| Cuba | New Zealand |
| Delaware | North Carolina |
| District of Columbia | North Dakota |
| England | Nova Scotia |
| Florida | Ohio |
| Idaho | Oregon |
| Illinois | Pennsylvania |
| Indiana | Prince Edward's Island |
| Indian Territory | Quebec |
| Iowa | Rhode Island |
| Kansas | Saskatchewan |
| Kentucky | South Australia |
| Louisiana | South Dakota |
| Maine | Tennessee |
| Manitoba | Texas |
| Maryland | Utah |
| Massachusetts | Vermont |
| Michigan | Virginia |
| Mississippi | Washington |
| Missouri | West Virginia |
| Minnesota | Wisconsin |
| Nebraska | Wyoming |

The recommendation of the Grand Master that the Constitution be so amended as to make the Grand Master eligible to election for a second term was not concurred in.

Here are two other recommendations of the Grand Master:

3. That before one can take the station of Master in a Subordinate chartered Lodge, in addition to other qualifications, he must have a certificate from the Chairman of the Committee on Work, or of one whom the latter appoints, that as Master, he is able to open and close the Lodge and can confer the three degrees in Masonry. My brethren, this recommendation may appear strange to some of you here assembled, but I consider it highly necessary. There are quite a number of Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, that have been in existence numbers of years, whose officers have never conferred a degree and have never attempted to do so, and each time a communication is held for work, some brother or brethren, from a neighboring Lodge, is called on to visit them and confer the degrees, with not an officer of the Lodge capable of rendering the least assistance. Then there are other Lodges, in which the Masters and Wardens are doing the work in a manner that is so foreign to our adopted work, that one present at the time, could easily imagine themselves thrown into a conglomeration of the work of every Grand Jurisdiction of our country, with practically nothing of our own adopted work.

5. That in such instances where the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, absent themselves from attendance, from three consecutive annual communications of this Grand Lodge, that it be requested, of the Grand Lodge, whom they represent that their commissions as such be revoked.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$9,493.50.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The same was denied the Grand Lodge of Greece.

A committee of fifteen was appointed to formulate plans for the establishment of a Masonic Home.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is by Brother William Y. Titcomb. Although Brother Titcomb is more than eighty years old, he writes with the vigor of youth. Of Grand Master Meyerhardt he says:

His exordium is a classic. The pen picture of scenes in and around the Temple of Solomon, on the great Day of Atonement is graphic and

eloquent. The assembled nation was, on the occasion, sensible of the awful nearness of the great Jehovah.

The scope of Grand Master Meyerhardt's influence is not limited to the range of his oratorical performances. The condition of Masonry throughout the State of Georgia, and the financial results achieved, as well as the successful completion and maintenance of the Masonic Home, all attest his great value to the Craft as an organizer and administrator.

In regard to making Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star a member of the Board of Trustees of Masonic Home, he says:

Seriously, every individual responsible to Grand Lodge as officer is a Mason amenable to Masonic law. But Masonry has no jurisdiction over outsiders. When Mrs. ——— is made a member of the Board of Trustees, is the Board then a Masonic body composed entirely of Masons? Can the Grand Master or Grand Lodge appoint a profane on a committee of the Grand Lodge?

We honor those noble women of the Order of the Eastern Star, but surely we can honor them without tampering with the centuries-old practice of confining our institutions to those of the male persuasion. Yes, we are aware that the lady is not taken into the Lodge; but when anything is done that even squints toward infringement of that old landmark which says who may be made a Mason, it is time to cry "To your tents, O Israel."

He concurs with our opinion that a man, who is unable to read or write "is hardly fit material for our Mystic edifice."

In reply to our explanation of the Georgia law concerning non payment of dues, he says:

Brother, did you never see a man who was poor and proud? There are men who will suffer injury rather than confess their poverty. It seems to us that such men should not be visited with the same punishment that awaits drunkards, murderers adulterers, thieves and robbers.

There is another view of the matter: If Brother Titcomb will take time to reflect, he will be convinced that nine-tenths of those, who neglect to pay their dues, do so, not from poverty, but because they do not feel enough interest in Masonry to contribute their mite toward the maintenance of the Institution.

We are indebted to Brother Titcomb for many complimentary remarks, which are highly appreciated.

Most Worshipful Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA—1907.

Twenty-sixth Annual.

November 19.

NEAR MORENCI.

Present: Most Worshipful Herbert Brown, Grand Master; ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of eighteen Lodges.

The Annual Communication was held in a "stope" of the "Lone Star Mine" under the town of Morenci. The frontispiece is a fine representation of the Grand Lodge, immediately after conferring the third degree.

A stope is a space from which the ore has been worked out.

A Special Communication was held at Prescott, to lay the corner-stone of the new Temple to be built by Aztlan Lodge.

Grand Master Brown, whose portrait graces the Proceedings, informed the brethren in his Jurisdiction that he had "nothing unusual" to communicate. The Lodges were in good condition.

The Grand Treasurer reported as total resources of the Grand Lodge, \$21,014.15, including \$5,701.95 in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

An amendment to the Constitution to change the time of holding regular meetings of the Grand Lodge was lost by a vote of sixty-five to seventeen.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Orient of Greece, while a communication regarding the Masonic Lodges in the Republic of Panama was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

In appreciation of the efficient service rendered by Brother George J. Roskruge, Grand Secretary, his salary was established at \$600 per annum.

The following regulation was adopted:

Hereafter, when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be received, the Master, when appointing the Committee of Investigation, shall not announce the names of said committee in open Lodge, but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the committee. When this committee make their report it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said reports shall be destroyed.

This from the Committee on Jurisprudence:

That this Grand Lodge has adopted the principle that each Grand Lodge, as well as Subordinate Lodges, are responsible for the indigent of its own Jurisdiction, and that this Jurisdiction holds it to be good Masonic law that when a Subordinate Lodge is unable to care for its needy that the Grand Lodge should supply the required relief.

Touching this matter, the following, adopted by the Chicago Masonic Congress of 1893, seems to be founded upon sound principles of equity:

7. *Appeals for Aid.*—The conclusion of the Congress is that worthy Masons are entitled to relief from brethren and Lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the brethren of Lodges granting such aid are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the Lodges to which they hold their membership, but that when a member of one Lodge is relieved by another, and the financial situation of his Lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a poorer Lodge relieving its members.

In Arizona it is the custom to confer the degrees upon candidates from another Jurisdiction as a matter of courtesy. A certain California Lodge charged \$35 for conferring the second and third degrees on an Entered Apprentice member of an Arizona Lodge. A severe criticism of the California Lodge was the result.

If that is the rule in California, the criticism is hardly just, but it is not probable that Arizona will call upon California for any more work.

Most Worshipful Cyrus G. Jones, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George J. Roskrue, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1907.

Thirty-sixth Annual.

June 20.

VANCOUVER.

Photogravures of Past Grand Masters Henry Brown, Edgar C. Baker, and James H. Schofield adorn the Proceedings.

Present: Most Worshipful James H. Schofield, Grand Master; seven Past Grand Masters, and a constitutional number of Representatives.

A brief, business document constitutes the Grand Master's address, in which he congratulates the Craft on the

enjoyment of prosperity throughout the length and breadth of the Province.

We quote the only three decisions recorded :

Question 1. Can a Past Master of this Jurisdiction, who has dimitted from the Lodge of which he is a Past Master, and who does not hold membership in this Jurisdiction, but who is still a member of a Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Canada, confer degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction ?

Answer. He can confer degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction, providing he is requested to do so by the Master or Acting Master of any Lodge.

Question 2. Can a suspended Mason prefer charges against a member of the Lodge which suspended him ?

Answer. He cannot do so personally, but the charges may be laid by another Mason who is in good standing.

Question 3. Is a candidate eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry who has lost the first finger of his right hand between the second and third joints ?

Answer. No.

Sixteen official visitations were made.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,478.14.

Sixteen special dispensations for sundry purposes were issued.

Members in chartered Lodges, 3,184.

Increase in membership, 200.

Funds and property of all Lodges, \$99,927.07.

Consideration of a request from the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, asking recognition, was indefinitely postponed.

Two new Lodges had been created by dispensation.

Excellent addresses by the Mayor and Grand Chaplain are published in full.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A fine report is made by Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith. He devotes three pages of his interesting review to Georgia affairs. Of Grand Master Meyerhardt he says :

His address is another of those gems of oratory, with which this distinguished brother has charmed and instructed the Craft during these many years.

Commenting on our remarks concerning the election of a foreigner as Master of an Alabama Lodge, says :

There are people, strange as it may appear, who have a great attachment for the land of their nativity.

Stranger still is the sentimental attachment of a man for

his native country, so strong that he refuses the rights of citizenship in a country which he expects to make his permanent home.

Brother Smith closes his review of Georgia by another "gentle criticism:"

We regret that Brother Moody has mistaken a little gentle criticism for an inclination to enlarge upon defects. For instance, we might be inclined to criticize the Grand Lodge of Georgia for being opened by the Grand Chaplain; for conferring degrees in a Lodge which had no Warrant; for the unwieldiness of its committees; for recognizing the Valle de Mexico mongrel, or for expelling brethren for non-payment of dues, but it will be observed that we have barely mentioned any of these matters.

A "bare mention" of these interesting facts is not so satisfactory as an assertion would be going more into detail.

Most Worshipful Francis Bowser, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1908.

Thirty-seventh Annual.

June 18.

VICTORIA.

Present: Most Worshipful F. Bowser, Grand Master; nine Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-one Lodges.

The first pages are occupied by well executed portraits of Thos. Trounce, Grand Master 1885; William Dalby, Grand Master 1886, and Francis Bowser, Grand Master 1907.

A Special Communication was held at Victoria to attend the funeral of Senior Past Grand Master Eli Harrison.

Grand Master Bowser reported that nothing of importance had transpired to disturb the peace and harmony of the Jurisdiction.

Four new Lodges were organized under dispensation.

We quote two decisions:

From Yukon Lodge, No. 45, Section 157.—No Lodge room once dedicated to Masonry shall, while occupied by Masons, be used for other than Masonic purposes. Please inform us if it is a violation of this Section for the Chapter of the Eastern Star, who have been using our Lodge room in the past, to continue so doing.

Answer.—The answer hinges on the last two words of this Section, "Masonic purposes." One of the benevolent purposes of the Masonic institution is to enlarge the sphere of social happiness, and its great object is to promote the happiness of the human race, and as the members of that Society are all connected with the Craft, either by blood or marriage, you may allow them the use of your Lodge room until other arrangements are made.

Is the fact of a brother being convicted in the courts for having kept a disorderly and gaming house sufficient ground for recommending him for expulsion for un-Masonic conduct?

Answer.—A brother convicted for having violated the laws of the country may be considered as having committed a Masonic offence, but he can not be punished Masonically until after due trial and proper notice.

Twenty-eight official visits were made.

Balance and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$4,521.29.

Thirty-two special dispensations were issued, fourteen of which were to attend Divine service in regalia.

Total membership, 3,757.

Increase in membership, 401.

Funds and property of all Lodges, \$119,628.90.

Fraternal recognition was granted the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and refused the Grand Lodge Cosmos, of Mexico.

No action was taken on a circular from the Lodge "Asilo de la Paz, of the City of Bolivar," because being written either in Spanish or Portuguese, the Committee on Correspondence did not know the contents of the circular.

Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. G. F. Clinton delivered an excellent address from the text, "Charity never faileth."

The town of Cranbrook was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother H. A. DeWolf Smith thus introduces his twelfth annual review:

From reading the reports from other Jurisdictions one cannot avoid the conclusion that the Craft throughout the world is enjoying a season of prosperity the like of which has never been known. Some Grand Masters have expressed the opinion that the Craft is too popular, and that not sufficient care is being exercised in the selection of material. These ideas prevailed, however, a hundred years or more ago, and it is not probable that the Institution is in any greater danger now than it

was then. At the same time, it can do no harm to call attention to the necessity of a careful selection of the candidates who present themselves. There are enough good men seeking admission to our Lodges to secure that the Craft will not suffer from a paucity of members.

He opens an excellent review of Georgia for 1907 with these complimentary words:

The address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Max Meyerhardt, is, as usual, a literary gem. Written in the choicest English, it is full of noble thoughts and lofty sentiments.

Brother Smith compliments our review, but says, "For some reason, British Columbia does not find a place in it." Well, Brother Smith, British Columbia is reviewed twice this time. We hope our esteemed brother will see that we get the British Columbia Proceedings in time for review.

Most Worshipful Wm. K. Houston, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—1907.

Fifty-eighth Annual.

October 8.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Present: Most Worshipful Edward H. Hart, Grand Master; fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 253 Lodges.

A very fine picture of Grand Master Hart adorns the initial page.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a gem of oratory. From his eloquent exordium we quote:

Masonry is proud of its past, of its deeds, its devotion to humanity, to liberty and to truth; but Masonry does not exist upon the past, it lives today, it exalts the present, it means development; it builds up, it does not tear down; it conserves, it does not destroy; it raises up and supports, it does not condemn or consign; it brings its candidate from darkness to light, it says to him: "Let not him that seeketh cease from his search until he find." Masonry is as a seed which grows, not as a diamond cut and fixed, it does not profess infallibility, nor even to be a system or perfected truth, it is a search for truth; it is tolerant, it sees a soul of goodness in things evil, a soul of truth in things erroneous, it holds that if perfected truth were offered in one hand and the search for truth in the other, it would be the higher course to choose the search for truth; it holds of itself, as of nature, that there is no life without

growth, and that as the plant must either grow or die, so must Masonry, in its principles and teachings and purposes, either broaden and deepen, or perish. The today of Masonry is the greatest of all the days which have gone before, the greatest in the scope of its beneficences, richest in the quality of its brotherhood, broadest in its ever widening circle of human consideration and kindness, and more vital in its potentiality and growth.

Net gain in membership, 2,357, the greatest within the State since the formation of the Grand Lodge fifty-seven years ago.

Charters were granted for eight new Lodges.

The Grand Master gives a detailed account of the Masonic Relief Fund, receipts and disbursements on account of the great earthquake of April, 1906. Entire receipts, \$311,048.14. After all demands had been satisfied, there was a surplus of \$62,078.65, which was returned pro rata to the donors. Every cent was accounted for, and that is the way Masons do things.

California has an area more extensive than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania combined, comprising fifty-four regular districts. All these had been visited by the Grand Master. He extended his tour to Hawaiian Islands, a distance of 2,000 miles from California.

These extracts will prove interesting:

The distance traveled on land by the Grand Master in his tour of visitation was more than twenty thousand miles, and the distance traveled by sea nearly five thousand miles, together being sufficient to encircle the globe.

During this grand tour of visitation, many notable Masonic incidents came along our pathway. In the City of Porterville, in December last, at a meeting of Porterville Lodge, No. 303, we were present at the raising at one meeting, to the sublime degree of Master Mason, of a father and four sons, an incident of this kind which we believe is absolutely the world's record.

We were also present in the month of July in the City of Santa Cruz at a meeting of Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 38, at the raising to the degree of Master Mason of one Hiram Abif. The young man, who had just passed the age of twenty-one, had still another name, Lorenzen, we believe; but until that night he had never fully understood the significance of the name he bore, and it is needless to say that his father, who was present that evening, an earnest Mason, was also an enthusiastic member of the Craft, something like twenty-one years ago.

Seldom have we read an address so forcible and interesting. These are the closing lines :

Forward was the watchword of creation when, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

Forward has been the watchword of the world ever since, and is the watchword of success today, in every undertaking of life ; and

Forward, awakened by a desire for light and truth, by a conception of the ideal, inspired by love of humanity and enforced by undeviating purpose, will ever continue to be the watchword of the human race, so long as man shall live upon the earth, so long as he shall be influenced by ambition and hope, and so long as he shall strive to gain the standard of higher things.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$247,719.75.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

This extract is from the instructive address of Grand Orator Brother Jacob Meto :

An obligation no more makes a man a Mason than does subscribing to the creed of a particular church make one a true follower of the doctrines inculcated by that church. One may attend church every day and be conversant with every ceremony and be no Christian, or attend the Temple and repeat every prayer and be no Jew. Similarly a man may be present, whenever his Lodge convenes, know the work perfectly and be only a Lodge Mason. Like some frequenters of churches and temples, whose religion never strays beyond the confines of the religious edifice, his Masonry may be and is confined to lip service and ritual work. Such men are never Masons and no amount of obligations can make them Masons. Men whose hearts do not realize, and whose minds cannot comprehend the real usefulness of Masonry ; men who cannot apply the teachings of the Craft to their lives and to the practice of their daily existence, and feel their Masonry only within the precincts of the Lodge room ; such men are a detriment and a hindrance to the cause that Masonry represents.

Most Worshipful Geo. M. Perine, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George Johnson, Grand Secretary.

CANADA—1907.

Fifty-second Annual.

July 17.

OTTAWA.

A well executed portrait of Grand Master Augustus T. Freed, in the full regalia of his high office, adds interest to the Proceedings.

Two Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones: one of the new Lodge rooms of the Beaches Lodge, Balmy Beach; another of the new Masonic Temple at Fort William.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful James H. Burrett, Grand Master; nine Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 207 Lodges.

Brother W. R. White, K. C., Representative of Georgia, answered at roll call.

A welcome address was delivered by the Mayor of the city, to which suitable response was made by the Grand Master.

Grand Master Burret announced to the brethren that, while the year had been a most strenuous one, it had been characterized by almost universal peace, and unusual prosperity both financial and numerical, the financial increase being \$2,982.00 and the numerical, 3,000. Total membership over 40,000.

No less than 267 dispensations were issued for various purposes.

We quote five of the seventeen decisions reported:

9. Can an illegitimate man, born of free parents, be made a Mason? A. Yes.

10. Is a man with a cork leg eligible? Ans. No.

11. Is a man with left hand off at wrist eligible? Ans. No.

12. A Fellowcraft lost one leg and part of other foot, can he be raised? Ans. No.

13. Second finger of right hand gone. No disqualification.

Total receipts General Fund, \$149,203.87.

Disbursements, Benevolence Fund, \$20,150.

Two hundred and thirty-nine pages of the Proceedings are taken up by reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters of twenty-one Districts.

These reports bear testimony to the splendid efficiency and progress of the Craft. Harmony and concord are the prevailing conditions.

Niagara was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Henry Robertson makes the report. Two and one-half pages are devoted to Georgia.

More than three-fourths of the review is taken up by an extract from Brother Meyerhardt's annual address. Of this he says:

Our brethren of Georgia are to be congratulated upon the possession of an exceptionally able and zealous Grand Master, and also upon their determination to keep him in office, as they have done for a number of years past. He made many visits and his zeal and devotion have aroused enthusiasm all over the State.

Most Worshipful Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—1907.

Forty-seventh Annual.

September 17.

DENVER.

Four Special Communications were held: at Brush, for the purpose of constituting Brush Lodge; at Durango, to lay the corner-stone of the Carnegie Library building; at Denver, for the purpose of conferring Masonic burial upon Past Grand Master Geo. K. Kimball; at Denver, to welcome the brethren of Capitol Lodge of Omaha, Neb., acting as escort to the traveling silver trowel.

A fine portrait of Grand Master Joseph A. Davis graces the Proceedings.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Arthur E. Jones, Grand Master; twenty-six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 107 Lodges. Brother Cornelius J. Hart, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

The Grand Master made a business-like address, in which he congratulated his Grand Lodge upon "sturdy advancement and general prosperity all along the line."

Only three decisions are rendered. We give them complete:

1. Blue Lodges should not endorse public entertainments given in the name of a corporation, association, company or individual, for the purpose of influencing public patronage.

2. In cases of Lodges under dispensation, at least two weeks shall elapse before a candidate can be advanced from one degree to another.

3. An applicant for the degrees in Masonry living in a certain town or city in this Grand Jurisdiction, desiring to be made a Mason in some other town or city within said Jurisdiction, shall make his application in regular form and present it to the Lodge of his choice, before which said Lodge it shall be read, but not formally received, until the Lodge so petitioned, through its Secretary, shall have applied for and received a waiver of jurisdiction from the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides, and where there is more than one Lodge having jurisdiction, then a waiver from all such Lodges. Then formally receive the application and act upon it in the regular way as provided in Section 3, Article 9, of the Book of Constitutions of Colorado.

The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund report a permanent fund of over \$20,000.

The Grand Master thinks the proper use of the ballot is a troublesome question. Of it he says:

After twelve months' experience in Grand Lodge affairs, I am firmly convinced that fully four-fifths of all the annoyance, dissensions and petty differences that our Subordinate Lodges are heir to, have had their origin in a suspicion of the unjust, improper and unmanly use of the black ballot.

There are instruments so delicately attuned by the hand of man that they will indicate, with unerring certainty, which way the wind blows, no matter how subtle and quiet may be its movements. Likewise, there are circumstances and conditions and combinations of things surrounding the ballot, that point with almost equal certainty to the prostitution of its secret and sacred privileges, by a few, and I am pleased to emphasize by saying again, only a few, of the members of the Masonic Fraternity in Colorado.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$13,270.52.

Total membership, 12,226.

Net gain in membership, 725.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodges of Queensland and Saskatchewan.

Here is an extract from the instructive discourse of Grand Orator H. W. Woodward:

At first thought, it may seem that the Lodge, governed by the absolute will and pleasure of its Master, is more a type of absolute monarchy

than of a republic in which each has an equal voice. In one sense of the word, this is true, and yet, in another and broader sense, our Lodge is the only true republic on earth. Elected by the free and uninfluenced choice of his fellows, the Master enters upon the duties of his high position, fulfills them to the best of his ability, and again resumes his place upon the level, while his power passes unimpaired to his successor. The Grand Master of the Craft, having filled the highest position in the power of his brethren to bestow upon him, surrenders the gavel and badge of office, and once more labors with the Craft, his consciousness of duty well performed being his only reward.

The essential vitalizing force of Masonry is the common good of all mankind. Around this force centers all else; without it, our Institution is purposeless for ourselves and for good of humanity.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf makes his twenty-third report.

It is sufficient praise to say that it comes up to the usual high standard.

Sixty-six Grand Lodges are reviewed. Three pages of this valuable document are devoted to Georgia affairs. In the beginning of his review, he compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt on having made an eloquent address.

After giving this writer a good word, he quotes the conclusion of his report.

Here is an extract from the conclusion of Brother Greenleaf's report:

First, let us dwell for a moment upon our Symbolism. Few of our brethren fully realize the grandeur and significance of this inheritance and possession of the Craft, which is the most exalted and inspiring that has ever engaged the thought of man. Other guilds and crafts have risen and flourished for a time, with initiatory ceremonies whose phraseology was connected with their handicrafts, but none other save the building art could have furnished such a wealth of terms capable of moral application and in harmony with our conception of the creative work of the universe. The symbolism of Masonry thus stands pre-eminent above all other. It has its foundation in truth and is, therefore, eternal and unchangeable. It is a priceless heritage from the fathers who chose The Builder for its ideal and The Temple of Living Stones as its work and the aspiration of human endeavor. Despite the contention of some Masonic writers and even members of our guild, we believe that the speculative era of Masonry antedates by many centuries the formation of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717.

Most Worshipful Joseph A. Davis, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1908.

One Hundred and Twentieth Annual.

January 15.

HARTFORD.

Present : Most Worshipful Andrew Z. Hallock, Grand Master ; ten Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of 108 Lodges, and Brother George A. Kees, the Representative of Georgia.

Five Emergent Communications were held : at Danbury, to attend the funeral of Past Grand Chaplain Andrew C. Hubbard ; at Newtown, for the purpose of dedicating the new Hall of Hiram Lodge ; at Norwalk, to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of Past Grand Master Asa Smith ; at South Norwalk, to dedicate the new Hall of Old Well Lodge ; at Unionville, to dedicate the new Hall of Evening Star Lodge.

Most Worshipful Hamilton Wallace, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, was introduced and welcomed with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master greets his brethren with a statement and exhortation :

We are pleased to state that our Grand Lodge is enjoying the most cordial and fraternal relation with all the sister Grand Lodges ; that peace and harmony prevail. The loyalty of our Subordinate Lodges is unquestioned, and the interest now being taken in Masonry is far greater than at any time in our history, and while it is not a pleasure, we feel it our duty to sound a note of caution.

Masonry is popular, and because of its present popularity many are knocking at its doors for admission. Has not the time come when it is absolutely necessary that we exercise the closest scrutiny into the character and qualifications of those who seek admission to our Order ? Let our brethren see to it that none but those who are good citizens, and are leading clean lives, gain admission. We should not be compelled to apologize for brethren admitted through inefficient and careless investigation, or from a desire to increase our membership. Let us rather strive to elevate the standard of the fraternity in which membership is sought by the wisest and best men in every walk of life.

Thirty-four dispensations were granted for various purposes. Two were refused : to confer the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees upon an applicant at the same communication ; to change the date of the annual communication,

that several of the members could attend the December meeting of the Mystic Shrine.

The Grand Master compliments the Order of the Eastern Star for its splendid work in connection with the Masonic Home.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$16,725.28.

Total membership, 21,410.

Net gain in membership, 658.

Under the heading, "Things to be Remembered," we find:

1. Lodges may amend their By-Laws so far as relates to the time of holding stated communications, and amount of dues to be paid by its members without action of the Grand Lodge.

2. Lodges may omit stated communications in July and August without dispensation from the Grand Master. Also on legal holidays and when the Grand Lodge is in session.

3. Lodges may attend divine service as Lodges in regalia on either St. John's Day, or the Sunday nearest to them without dispensation from the Grand Master, but not on other occasions.

4. That to reinstate a brother stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues requires a unanimous secret ballot, taken in the same manner of a ballot for initiation.

5. That a brother suspended from Lodge membership may be restored by a majority vote at any stated communication of the Lodge.

6. That to release jurisdiction over a candidate in favor of another Lodge requires a unanimous secret ballot.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Connecticut is liberal in the matter of appropriations. Although lacking by a considerable margin the numerical or financial strength of Georgia, the Grand Secretary was paid \$1,800 with an additional \$200 for writing the Report on Correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother John H. Barlow makes his fourteenth report.

Of the five and one-half pages devoted to Georgia, nearly five pages are taken up in extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's annual address. Brother Barlow evidently knows a good thing when he sees it.

Brother Barlow is much handicapped in trying to defend the doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction." Hear this:

To make our remark plain take for example the Grand Lodge of Queensland. In consideration of the attitude of the Grand Lodges of England, most of the Grand Lodges of the United States have refused it recognition, but we think none will say that Masons belonging to Lodges under its jurisdiction were not lawful Masons, and we think no Jurisdiction would refuse to admit them as visitors and this would apply to many Jurisdictions, some of whom may not have asked recognition. We think the admission of visitors does not necessarily require Grand Lodge recognition when there is no special edict against them like the Grand Orient of France and others who reject the three great lights.

The foregoing is inconsistent. It is equivalent to saying, "The fountain head is impure, but the stream is without contamination." Why should we recognize the individual members, when we refuse to recognize the Masons of Queensland as a body.

Most Worshipful Edward E. Fuller, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

CUBA—1906-1907.

A session was held June 24, 1906.

Present: Deputy Grand Master Fernando Figueredo and sixty-seven Representatives.

A committee of five was appointed to look after the building of a new Masonic Temple at Habana.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

At the session held March 24, 1907, Grand Master Jose F. Pellon presided. Forty-six Lodges were represented. At this session Brother Pellon, after serving fourteen years as Grand Secretary and seven years as Grand Master, retired from office followed by the blessings of all his brethren.

The Grand Master was particularly pleased with the recognition of North Carolina, it being the last Grand Lodge to accord recognition.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An able report is made by Brother F. de P. Rodriguez, covering the Proceedings of sixty-two Jurisdictions.

In reviewing each Grand Lodge he gives its origin. He

says Masonry was established in Georgia December 16, 1786, and gives Pennsylvania as the origin.

He gives an epitome of Georgia affairs for one year including Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

He says El Hermano Moody had no review of Cuban affairs. That was because El Hermano Moody had not the *Anuario de la Gran Logia de la Isle de Cuba* for that year.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

This is an able document, showing a true conception of Masonic principles.

Thus he shows the influence of Masonry, particularly in the Island of Cuba :

The influence of our Fraternal Association has always been fruitful, here as elsewhere ; but in the actual moment, it has to be highly useful, more so than in any other, in order to obtain the firm establishment of peace and by so doing practicing the true principles of the Craft.

The sons of Cuba being deeply separated, Freemasonry is the institution destined to unite them with the strong bonds of fraternal love. Brethren bearing different political ideals and aims, meet in the Lodges ; there they must respect and love each other, acquiring the moral elements necessary to realize such beneficent mission outside the closed precinct of the Lodge, conveying to the outer world in order to practice and propagate among strangers to Freemasonry the fraternal principles of our Institution, as the accumulators are charged with electricity at the dynamos to be used later by industry, either as mechanical power, or as producers of a dazzling light.

He gives a practical illustration of the beneficent influence exerted by our noble Order, and upon this bases an exhortation to the brethren :

We have recently accomplished an act which, although of relatively little importance, has served to make some tongues bless us. Our very dear Right Worshipful Brother Fernando Figueredo took under his care the welfare of a young lady, sick and helpless, the sister of a good brother Mason, dead some years ago ; and having addressed himself to the Lodges, many of them quickly answered his call and the tears of the indigent orphan were dried and her sorrows lessened.

Let us practice charity plentifully ; let us contribute materially or morally to all and any philanthropic or progressive work ; and thus rendering inestimable service to our country and to humanity, we shall have fulfilled our duties, showing to the world our beneficent social influence.

Most Worshipful Fernando Figueredo, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Carlos G. Charles, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE—1907.

One Hundred and Second Annual.

October 2.

WILMINGTON.

Present: Most Worshipful Robert K. Stephenson, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and a constitutional number of Representatives.

A portrait of Grand Master Stephenson occupies the initial page.

The Grand Master announced the death of Brother Benjamin F. Bartram, Grand Secretary, which had occurred that morning at four o'clock, after a protracted illness. As a mark of respect, the Grand Lodge stood in silence, while the Grand Chaplain implored the throne of Divine Grace for comfort to sorrowing hearts.

Brother Harry J. Guthrie was appointed Acting Grand Secretary.

Brother Francis J. Woodman, Grand Master District of Columbia, and Brother John D. Goff, District Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, appeared as distinguished visitors.

Grand Master Stephenson thus introduces his eloquent address:

As the processions of the seasons bring the sere fields, and crimson leaf, we are reminded of the closing year, when men are wont to recount their toils and gains, to measure their crops, and estimate the product of their labors. Thus I would invite you to take up the log of our annual voyage in Masonry, recount its sun and storm as well as discover what progress we have made toward the noble aims set before us in our noble Craft. Sure we are that the labor of our hands will pass under the review of the great Architect of the Universe; so, ere we dismiss it to the care of the recording angel, let us pass the work in review, deploring the errors, repenting the evils, withal correcting as far as we may, and surrendering the fruit of our toils to the Judge of all.

He had visited all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction.

Total membership, 2,888; increase in membership, 111.

He gives good advice to Masters of Lodges:

I desire to say a word to the Masters of the Lodges. The Lodge is in your hands, you are not only in authority, but on you rests the responsibility, as on no one else. You are responsible to the Grand Master, and and at the same time to the Lodge. You should keep the Grand Master informed of your needs, and he will promptly aid you.

The careless Master of the Lodge may cause the membership much

embarrassment and harm by tardiness and carelessness in the management of the Lodge affairs.

Only two decisions are recorded :

No. 1. I decided that a brother having received the degree of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and who thereafter met with an accident in which he lost his left arm and was not thereby disqualified to receive the degree of Master Mason.

No. 2. I decided that when an amendment to the By-Laws of a Lodge is submitted to, and is passed upon, by the Committee on By-Laws made by this Grand Lodge, they go into effect at once.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$1,976.47.

The report of the Committee on Necrology shows deaths during the year of one Past Grand Master, three Past Grand Treasurers, one Senior Grand Warden, and one Junior Grand Warden.

A regulation was adopted as follows :

That from this date all visitors to Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware shall, before examination, be required to produce a certificate of good standing. The certificate required is one issued under seal to the brother by the Lodge of which he is a member, with a certificate of the Grand Lodge of his Jurisdiction to the legitimacy and legality of the Subordinate Lodge.

Hereafter all visitors to Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware will be required to produce a certificate of good standing.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Friendly relations were re-established with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting report is made by Brother L. H. Jackson. Georgia, for 1906, receives two pages of courteous review.

He thinks that "Masonry in Georgia is growing and prospering in a most phenomenal manner."

He notes with satisfaction the attendance of Brother J. W. Taylor, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Brother Taylor is always at his post.

We said in one of our reviews, "If to become a Mason, a man must be physically perfect, then, if he has a mole on his nose, he ought to be rejected." Brother Jackson says,

"That of course is overstating the case." We think not. An applicant in Pennsylvania was rejected because he had six instead of five toes on his foot.

We agree with our Brother that "ability to conform to all requirements" of the ritual should make a man eligible to membership in a Lodge. But the extremists say not. A man must be physically perfect, and a candidate, who has a mole on his nose, is troubled with a defect in anatomical construction, and, if he has a physical defect, he is not physically perfect.

How is that for logic, Brother Jackson?

Most Worshipful Thomas J. Day, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Virginius V. Harrison, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1907.

A fine photogravure of Grand Master Francis J. Woodman occupies the initial page.

The second Stated Communication was held at Washington, May 8. Five Past Grand Masters were present, Grand Master Woodman presided.

An amendment requiring documentary evidence on the admission of visitors was referred to a Special Committee for report at the next Stated Communication.

A Special Communication was held, June 8, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present. Among the visitors were Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, Delaware, Texas, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

It was a notable occasion. A procession numbering 2,000, headed by the celebrated Marine Band, was formed.

Many fine addresses were made. Among the speakers was President Roosevelt.

The gavel, trowel, and square used in the ceremony were used at the laying of the corner-stone of the United States Capitol, September 18, 1793, by Brother George Washington, President of the United States, as Acting Grand Master of Maryland.

President Roosevelt, in his speech, gave this humorous illustration of theory vs. practice:

I remember down in the village where I live there was a very decent but rather dreamy young fellow, a little bit apt to spend his time in thinking of how exceedingly well he could have led his life under other conditions. His mother was a very hard-working woman, and one day he was reading in the paper an account of a fire in New York and the heroic deed of a fireman in rescuing certain people from that burning building. His mother was very busy about the room. Pretty soon he put down the paper and said, with a sigh: "Oh, how I would like to rescue somebody from a burning building!" His mother answered: "Well, I'll tell you. This building ain't on fire, but if you will get in the kindling wood I'll be obliged to you."

Third Stated Communication, September 28.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Action on petition of Grand Lodge of Paraguay for recognition was postponed.

Two Special Communications were held for laying cornerstones: one of the Bethany Baptist Church; the other of the Northminster Presbyterian Church.

The Annual Communication was held, December 18.

Present: Most Worshipful Francis J. Woodman, Grand Master; fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-seven Lodges.

Past Grand Masters William H. Nichols, of Texas, and George W. Atkinson, of West Virginia, were received with appropriate honors, and invited to seats in the East.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's address, we take these words:

The past year has been a strenuous and most prosperous one for the Craft. The Lodges have been earnest and zealous in every good work; excellent material has been received and many good Masons have been made; and with it all peace and harmony have prevailed between the several constituent Lodges and no contention has arisen "save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

A very unusual circumstance in the conferring of the Master Mason's degree called for a decision from Grand Master Woodman:

Dr. Francis J. Woodman,

Grand Master of Masons, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

Most Worshipful Sir: At a special communication of The New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, held on August 20, 1907, and called for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason's degree, ———, a Fellow Craft of this Lodge, being due therefor, presented himself for the degree; was received, and proceeded as far as the exemplification of the latter part of the legend of the degree, when he acted in a most offensive manner * * * . Objection was entered to his being permitted to proceed further, and after entertaining the objection I caused him to be conducted from the Lodge.

I respectfully submit the foregoing statement for your consideration, and request your decision:

1. What is the present status of Brother ———, with reference to that part of the degree conferred upon him?

2. What is his status with reference to the objection raised?

Brother ——— was elected April 25, 1907, initiated May 9, 1907, and passed June 13, 1907.

Your decision in the matter will be awaited with great interest; and I am unable to discover any precedent or ruling to cover the case.

The Grand Master decided that the candidate could not make himself known as a Master Mason, and that, while he had gone through some of the forms, he was still a Fellow Craft.

Action on the petitions of the Grand Lodges of Greece and the Argentine Republic for recognition was postponed.

This resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in His divine wisdom, to transplant from his earthly kingdom to the realm of immortality the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia express to the Grand Lodge of Sweden its most profound sympathy for the loss that Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of so illustrious a brother as Oscar, Grand Master of Sweden. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy hereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

A communication was held on St. John's Day, when only business pertaining to local matters was transacted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother George W. Baird presents his eighth report. It is a very interesting document. Georgia, for 1906, receives

courteous attention. He calls Grand Master Meyerhardt's address "an eloquent essay," and says, "We do not wonder they have kept him so long as Grand Master."

Commenting on our opinion that, "when a candidate can comply with the requirements of the ritual, he is eligible to the degrees in Masonry," he says:

We have often had such thoughts, or such hopes. The Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina is making strenuous efforts to make Masonry universal, but, as Brother Moody says on this subject, there is a diversity of opinion between the Grand Lodges in the United States. We believe a man is first made a Mason in his heart, and it matters but little to him whether it is the York, Scottish, French, or Memphis rite which does the rest. The candidate is not permitted to be the judge, but is sometimes the sufferer. In the District of Columbia we do not reject the man who can comply literally with the requirements of our ritual. We do not reject a man who has but one eye, or but one lung, or who is minus a toe, but we do draw the line on a cork leg or wooden head. We do not refuse to pass an Entered Apprentice who has become maimed after initiation. We essay to regard the internal qualifications first, the visible qualities second.

Most Worshipful Augustus B. Cooleage, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Arvine W. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND—1907.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Mark Masons' Hall, London, March 5, 1907, with Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, presiding.

The Duke of Connaught was re-elected Grand Master with great enthusiasm.

An official document was sent recognizing the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Lodges, which formerly owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, were allowed to keep their warrants as memorials.

Quarterly Communication, June 4, 1907.

Distinguished visitors present:

C. J. W. Griffiths, Dep. G. Z, New Zealand.

The Hon. J. Valentine Ellis, P. G. Z., Canada.

The Hon. Wm. Gibson, P. G. Z., Canada.

The Hon. John Morison Gibson, P. G. Z., Canada.

George F. Moore, P. G. High Priest, Alabama.
W. Frank Pierce, P. G. High Priest, California.
The Hon. Barton Smith, P. G. High Priest, Ohio.

During three months 687 Mark certificates were issued.
Total Registered, 53,211.

Warrants for four new Lodges had been issued.
Receipts of General Fund, \$25,220.

FLORIDA—1908.

Seventy-ninth Annual.

January 21.

JACKSONVILLE.

A fine portrait of Grand Master Elmer E. Haskell is found in the Proceedings.

Four Special Communications were held: at Melrose, to dedicate the new hall of Melrose Lodge; at Hampton, to dedicate the new hall of Hampton Lodge; at Perry, to lay the corner-stone of the Taylor Court House at Jacksonville to lay the corner-stone of the Duval High School building.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Elmer E. Haskell, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 157 Lodges.

Brother Henry W. Long, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

In beginning his annual address, Grand Master Haskell returns thanks for many mercies and blessings in the past and invokes the aid of the All Wise One for guidance in the future.

From his exordium we quote.

These annual occasions are veritable green places in the "oases" of many of our busy, struggling lives, and as in the past, we may hope for the future, to journey here, as to a shrine, and receive and carry away, our best inspirations from the teachings of Freemasonry, and with a clearer conception of our duties to our fellowmen, practice throughout this Jurisdiction, and wherever we may abide, the great duties of brotherly love and fraternal care and concern, which are here exemplified and taught in our intercourse with the true and lovable characters that grace our annual communications.

Seven new Lodges were constituted, and six more were created by dispensation.

Fifty-eight Special Dispensations were issued for sundry purposes.

The Grand Master does not approve "chain letters," and says, "I consider such a method coming from private sources and from other Grand Jurisdictions in no way binding upon the Masons in this Jurisdiction unless first approved by the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction."

The Grand Master did not deem it necessary to include his decisions on Masonic law in his annual address, but the Committee on Jurisprudence decided that he ought to have done so, and declared that no future Grand Master must neglect this important duty.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$8,630.

In the evening, the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon a candidate by the Committee on Work.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Some other applicants were not so fortunate.

Recognition was refused the Grand Orients of Greece, Paraguay, and Brazil.

While Brother Wright does not recognize Grand Orients as of equal dignity with Grand Lodges, he offered this resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in Lodges of A. and A. S. Rite in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to our Lodges for visitation and affiliation under the usual Masonic restrictions the same as if made in Lodges of our obedience.

Past Grand Master Chas. W. Johnson was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

On the second day, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid with the usual impressive ceremonies. Eloquent addresses were made on the occasion.

Brother H. S. Yerger, Grand Orator, made an instructive address. Taking King Solomon as his text, he says of him:

He comes to a better state of mind, however, after a while. He gathers up lessons from his own life and places them upon record in the Book of Proverbs. That book should be the *vade mecum* of every Mason. See how he hangs out the danger signals against the whorish woman, against intemperance, against all vices contrary to the soundest morality

(chs. 5:15-20, 6:24-26, 20:1, 23:29-32.) How true to life does he draw the picture of poverty, shame and degradation.

In another place he gives an incomparably beautiful allegory of life, more succinct and impressive than that of the prisoner in Bedford jail. (Eccl. 12). He pictures the gradual decay of the physical powers and the approach of the day "when the dust shall return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." The conclusion he reaches is, "Fear God and keep His Commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Or, as we may render it, this is the whole well-being of man. The fear that he inculcates is not that of a slave, but the reverential awe of a son.

Past Grand Master Puleston offered a resolution requiring all Worshipful Masters-elect to stand an examination and to keep going through the same ordeal until they showed creditable proficiency in the work.

In lieu of Brother Puleston's proposition, the Grand Lodge adopted this: "It is the duty of every Master Mason to become proficient in the work and lectures of said degree as soon as possible after being raised, and it is urgently recommended that the Masters of particular Lodges endeavor to promote this end."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Silas B. Wright, as usual, makes an able report.

Georgia receives courteous attention, in which a skillful epitome of our affairs is presented.

The following is found in the conclusion of his report, with which we fully agree:

Some of the Grand Lodges have gone so far as to recognize Grand Orients, while by far the larger number refuse to do so.

It is generally held that American Grand Lodges should not "recognize," and exchange Representatives, with any Body other than a sovereign independent Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over symbolic degrees only.

The Grand Orients and Grand Lodges under the control of Scottish Rite Bodies are not such Bodies, and should not be recognized. The Grand Lodge of Florida has declared such to be the rule here, and we think correctly so.

IDAHO—1907.

Fortieth Annual.

September 10.

BOISE.

On opening the volume we are confronted by a fine picture of Grand Master William C. Whitwell.

Two Special Communications were held to lay cornerstones: one of the Bishop Tuttle Church building at Boise; another of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Lewiston.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful William M. Smith, Grand Master; six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-seven Lodges.

Grand Master Smith congratulated the brethren upon the "flourishing condition" of the Craft in his Jurisdiction, "keeping pace with the prosperity that prevails throughout the land."

Ten decisions are recorded. Here are two of them:

2. November 29. Cassia Lodge, No. 14, writes they have a member who they desire to make a life member and asks if they can do so.

Answer. Lodges have not the authority to confer life membership on their members. The only way for you to do in the case to which you refer is to remit the brother's dues as they accrue. It is entirely within the province of a Lodge to remit a member's dues, should it desire to do so.

3. December 6. Received a communication from Brother Geo. A. Maitland, Worshipful Master of Shoshone Lodge, No. 25, stating one Fred Inman had presented a petition for degrees, that he, as Master, refused to receive the petition for the reason that Inman had accepted a position as engineer in a brewery, and asks if he did right in refusing to receive the petition.

Answer. Your action in not receiving the petition was right. If the gentleman referred to is employed in any capacity whatever in a brewery, he is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry under our laws. See Sec. 8, Art. XIV, Grand Lodge By-Laws.

It was also decided that a majority of an investigating committee could make a report, the rest of the committee being absent.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$20,096.70.

Total membership, 2,395.

Net gain, 144.

The Proceedings of Grand Lodge were read in six Lodges only out of forty.

This is the conclusion in the matter of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland:

After reading many pages on both sides of this controversy, as to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, your Committee believes that it has been regularly formed and worthy of recognition and recommend the adoption of the following resolution: "Be it therefore, Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Idaho hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Queensland, with best wishes for its continued prosperity.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia.

Brother William C. Whitwell, Grand Master-elect, was duly installed and presented with the Signet ring.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother George E. Khepper, with skill and nice discrimination, brings out the salient points of Masonic history.

Georgia, for 1906, is well treated.

Listen to this:

It is a pertinent fact that the Correspondence reporters quote more freely and extensively from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address than from the address of any other living Grand Master.

We cheerfully admit that our limited vocabulary is exhausted when it comes to characterizing these addresses. There is something inspiring about them that takes a hold upon one that he cannot, or rather does not want, to shake off. May this not in part, at least, account for the attendance at the yearly Communications?

He quotes liberally from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

In answer to our criticism of the resolution requiring a Worshipful Master-elect to stand an examination as to his proficiency, he says, "Ay, Brother Moody, there's the rub. We didn't think of that. But in the first and second degrees did you ever see a brother that didn't pass? It may work equally well in the third."

Most Worshipful William C. Whitwell, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS—1907.

Sixty-eighth Annual.

October 1.

CHICAGO.

The Proceedings contain many fine portraits of distinguished officers. Besides Brother Joseph H. C. Dill, for a long time the efficient Secretary of the Grand Lodge, the intelligent faces of many Past Grand Masters appear: Chester E. Allen, 1906-1907; Alexander T. Darrah, 1885; John C. Smith, 1887; John M. Pearson, 1889; Monroe C. Crawford, 1891; John R. Thomas, 1884.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Chester E. Allen, Grand Master; the Representatives of 706 Lodges, and Brother W. J. A. DeLancey, the Representative of Georgia.

The eloquent prayer of the Grand Chaplain is printed in full.

Grand Master Allen makes an encouraging report:

I am pleased to be able to report to you, brethren, that the past year has been a most prosperous one, and Ancient Craft Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has made marked progress. Peace and harmony have generally prevailed and the reports to the Grand Secretary evince a healthful and vigorous activity among the constituent Lodges. The total membership of the seven hundred and fifty-two chartered Lodges which comprise this Jurisdiction is now nearly 85,000. The net gain in membership for the year is approximately 4,930, a very substantial increase. Furthermore, my observation has been that the constituent Lodges have principally taken into the fold strong and intelligent young men, representing the best of manhood in the several communities, indicating that the essential qualifications have not been overlooked in the zeal for numerical growth. These auspicious conditions prevailing in our several relations, I take it, mark this as a proper occasion for rejoicing and of thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has watched over, directed, and protected us during the past year.

During the year ten new Lodges were constituted, ten more were created by dispensation, six halls were dedicated, and five corner-stones were laid.

No decisions are recorded.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$51,345.53.

Balance on hand and receipts of Charity Fund, \$67,895.28.

September 1907, the inmates of the Orphans' Home numbered forty-one.

Brother Abram D. Cash, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Utah, was received and awarded Grand Honors.

Recognition was denied the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Brother Joseph Robbins says:

Our information is that the body under consideration was formed by the unauthorized splitting up of one Lodge into three divisions and calling these divisions Lodges—although two of them must have lacked that indispensable prerequisite to the making of a Lodge, a charter—for the avowed purpose of securing the three Lodges necessary to form a Grand Lodge.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered Most Worshipful Chester E. Allen for his valued services as Grand Master.

The edict forbidding Masonic intercourse with Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg since 1851 was rescinded.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to prepare a complete revised list of the regular Masonic Lodges of the world, and cause one thousand copies of said revised list to be printed, and one copy thereof to be sent to each of the constituent Lodges in this State, one copy to each officer and permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and one copy to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Joseph Robbins makes the report. It is a valuable document of 300 pages, intensely interesting from a Masonic standpoint and full of information.

The Masonic history of Georgia for 1906 receives due attention.

He pays this compliment to Grand Master Meyerhardt's address:

The exordium of the Grand Master's address—a word picture of the scene presented by the Temple in all its glory and the day of Atonement—illustrates that grandeur of conception, adequately expressed, which led Coleridge to say, Sublimity thy name is Hebrew!

He suggests a remedy to prevent requests for so many special dispensations:

Twenty dollars (cash down) for every dispensation to ballot on a petition for, or to authorize conferring the degree of Entered Apprentice

in less than lawful time for each petitioner so acted upon; and five dollars for advancement to either of the remaining degrees under like conditions.

These are the figures exacted in Illinois, and, under the working of this plan, there was a wonderful shrinkage in the number of emergencies.

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Bell, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA—1908.

Ninety-first Annual.

May 26.

INDIANAPOLIS.

The initial pages are occupied by fine engravings of Grand Master Charles N. Mickels and the new Masonic Temple.

Most Worshipful Walter O. Bragg, Grand Master; eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 526 Lodges were present at the Annual Communication.

The Grand Master expressed his gratification at the good condition of the Craft in his Jurisdiction. There had been a net gain in membership of 2,758, raising the total membership to 50,111.

Two new Lodges were constituted.

Eight decisions are reported. Three of these we reproduce:

1. A change of venue cannot be granted in Masonic trials, but for good and sufficient reasons a continuance may be granted.

This is not in accordance with the usage in many other Jurisdictions.

3. Lodges have no authority, under existing Grand Lodge Regulations, to entertain a motion and vote to attend church in a body on Sunday, and do so, although the members are not clothed as Masons and do not have in the procession as it moves to the church any of the working tools or paraphernalia of the Lodge. Public processions or celebrations by Lodges on Sunday, except funerals, are prohibited.

7. The office of Worshipful Master of a Lodge is not vacated by reason of the Master moving out of the Jurisdiction of his Lodge. He can attend the meetings of his Lodge and act as its Master notwithstanding the fact that he resides within the Jurisdiction of another Lodge.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$16,245.14.

The Grand Secretary was allowed an annual salary of \$1,800, payable monthly.

The various items of cost attached to the building of the new Masonic Temple amount to \$395,702.92.

A proposed regulation to vacate the office of any officer wilfully absenting himself therefrom for three months, was rejected as being unnecessary.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was not allowed the use of the word "Masonic" in a proposed incorporation of the "Indiana Masonic and Eastern Star Home."

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Action on the petition of the Gran Logia Cosmos of Chihuahua, Mexico, was postponed.

Brother Walter O. Bragg was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Daniel McDonald makes his tenth report, three pages of which are devoted to Georgia affairs.

He says Georgia's gain in Lodges was the largest of any Grand Jurisdiction in the United States.

He does not endorse the amendment offered at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge making a Grand Master ineligible after two years, and quotes this section of the Ancient Charges:

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the Lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for merit. * * * No brother can be a Master or Grand Master until he has served as a Warden; and to be a Grand Master he must also be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singular great merit in the opinion of the Lodges.

Most Worshipful Charles M. Mickels, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1907.

Thirty-fourth Annual.

August 13.

SOUTH M'ALISTER.

A portrait of Grand Master William A. McBride, appears in the Proceedings.

Five Emergent Communications were held during the year for laying corner-stones and dedicating Masonic halls.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Andrew A. McBride, Grand Master; twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 135 Lodges.

Past Grand Master Thornburg, of Arkansas, was received with Masonic Honors. He said:

I would like to make you a long speech, but I will not take the time, but I will take an hour's oration and boil it down to one minute and give you an Epitome of Freemasonry:

Loyal to God, to Country and to Mankind.

Friend of Religion, Education and Liberty.

Foe to Priest-craft, Fanaticism and Superstition.

Champion of Morality, Virtue and Womanhood.

Enemy to Vice, Infidelity and Intemperance.

Teach the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Practice world-wide Benevolence and universal Charity.

To house the homeless, to befriend the friendless and lift up the fallen.

It dries the widow's tears and hushes the orphan's cry.

It bears upon its rolls the names of thousands of God's noblemen, the greatest and truest men on earth, and among them are the names of Washington, LaFayette, Warren, Franklin, Jackson, McKinley, Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan.

Grand Master McBride, in his annual address, congratulates his brethren upon the "prevailing prosperity" in the Territory, "the prosperous outlook for the future," and the "healthful condition of the Craft."

The joint committee, appointed to work out details in effecting a consolidation of the two Grand Lodges, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, made a complete report. The officers were divided, Indian Territory getting Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden, while Oklahoma falls heir to Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Treasurer. Both Grand Secretaries will be retained.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of twelve new Lodges.

We reproduce two of the decisions rendered:

3. Question: Is it right for a Masonic Lodge to meet in a room which is used for political meetings, skating rink, dancing hall, shows and all kinds of entertainments?

Answer: Emphatically NO. If you cannot procure a hall which you can control to some extent and prevent such meetings as above mentioned, you had better surrender your charter and go out of business.

The answer is emphatic and it ought to be so.

10. Question: Brother A and B bet on a horse race, placing the money in the hands of Brother C as stakeholder. The race over, they go to Brother C for the money, who denies having received it. A and B then prefer charges against C for defrauding them.

Answer: I instructed the Lodge to dismiss the case as we cannot enforce profane law in a Masonic Lodge. The courts of the land are open for cases of this nature and should not be brought into the Lodge.

The answer was good enough as far as it went, but it did not go far enough. Brothers A and B ought to have been tried for gambling as a Masonic offence, and Brother C for retaining in his possession money which did not belong to him. Afterwards, the criminal courts of the country could come in and complete the transaction.

Of the black ball the Grand Master says:

The black ball as a source of protection is an unqualified blessing to a Lodge—as an instrument of revenge in the hands of a cowardly excuse for a man, it is indeed a menace to harmony and progress.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 8,460; net gain, 815.

A proposition was entertained for the establishment of a temporary Masonic Home, at Atoka, Indian Territory.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Thomas C. Humphry makes a well prepared and interesting report.

Georgia receives courteous treatment.

After commenting on our large committees, Brother Humphry says:

There is a committee, however, that needs but one brother to fill and that is on Foreign Correspondence, and I might say what the Devil said in his paper that the editor being absent explains why the paper was better that week. The reason Georgia has such a fine report on Corres-

pondence is because only one brother prepared it. Brother A. Q. Moody furnished a splendid report, filling one hundred and thirty three pages reviewing fifty-six Jurisdictions.

The Committee of One pulls his hat to the Correspondent from Indian Territory. May he live long and flourish.

Most Worshipful James B. Murrow, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary.

IOWA—1908.

Sixty-fifth Annual.

June 2.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

Present: Most Worshipful Louis Block, Acting Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 330 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a well executed portrait of Grand Master R. M. Hunter.

The Grand Master being absent on account of the serious illness of his wife, Deputy Grand Master Louis Block presided in his place.

Public exercises of an interesting character preceded the opening of the Grand Lodge; an address of welcome by the Mayor of Cedar Rapids, and by the local Lodges, response by the Grand Lodge through one of its members, and all interspersed with elegant music.

Invitations were read by the Grand Secretary from the Cedar Rapids Y. M. C. A., the local lodge of Elks, the Commercial Club, and the Cedar Rapids Motor Club, through their respective officers, tendering to the Grand Lodge and its members the courtesies of the respective organizations. From the Motor Club the invitation was to the visiting ladies to take a ride over the city on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Deputy and Acting Grand Master Block heartily thanked the various organizations and assured them that their kindness was gratefully appreciated, and invited those not members of the Fraternity to retire prior to opening of the Grand Lodge.

An encouraging report by the Grand Master was read by Past Grand Master Norris:

The chronicler of Masonry in Iowa of the past year can say little. Yet that little means much. Peace has reigned within our border; the Order has made an unprecedented growth within the past year. One year ago the records in the Grand Secretary's office showed a membership of 37,838; the records now show a total membership of 39,504, a gain of 1,666, which is forty per cent. greater than any previous year in the last decade. No trouble exists between us and Sister Jurisdictions. Death has made no unusual demands, and the horizon, scanned in all directions, reveals no cloud. I am pleased to present to you that retrospect, and this prospect.

Three new Lodges were constituted, and six more were organized under dispensation.

Nine special dispensations were granted to re-ballot on petitions, in each case there having been but one black ball cast, while nineteen petitions for dispensations to re-ballot were refused.

It is the law in Georgia, and we think a good one, to always re-ballot where only one black ball has been cast, for fear the negative vote may have got into the box by accident.

Numerous petitions had been received for dispensations to hold a regular meeting of a Subordinate Lodge on some other night than the regular time fixed by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The Grand Master granted one of these, but, after mature deliberation, he was sorry he did so.

We reproduce three of the five decisions rendered:

1. Is it a violation of Masonic law for a Mason to engage in the saloon business, provided he operates strictly and in absolute compliance with the so-called mulct law? Yes.

2. Can a young man whose duty is that of a book-keeper only for a brewery petition a Masonic Lodge, and may the Lodge legally receive the petition? Yes.

5. A profane petitioned a Lodge for the degrees; at the time the petition was received by the Lodge, and at the time the Investigating Committee was appointed, he was a resident of the State of Iowa and a resident of the Jurisdiction of the Lodge petitioned. Before the next meeting of the Lodge, however, he had permanently removed from the State of Iowa. Could the Lodge, with full knowledge of these facts, ballot on the petition?

Answer. I held that it could not, and directed the Lodge to dismiss the petition without balloting thereon. I was unable to find any express provision of law covering this kind of a case, but it seemed to me that as he had become a non-resident before being elected we had no right to say that he should or should not become a Mason. However, I am

not fully satisfied on that point, and this matter is respectfully referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for a report thereon and final action by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence refused to endorse No. 2.

The law above quoted on the question of the right of a Mason to engage in the saloon business seems to settle the question against the conclusion of the Grand Master. The language is that "No Lodge shall knowingly receive or act upon the petition of a profane who may at the date of said petition be engaged in the traffic, excepting pharmacists." The word "traffic" is quite comprehensive and is nearly, if not quite synonymous with the word "business," and we think the keeping of the books of a brewery manufacturing liquor for sale is a part of the business or traffic of selling intoxicating liquors, as much as is that of an agent who hauls it to the place of sale or the one who serves it to customers. If this reasoning is not correct, we are forced to the conclusion that only the owner or proprietor of the business is engaged in the traffic, and we cannot bring ourselves to that view of the case.

Grand Secretary Parvin is a model officer, but has no time to play. Nearly 15,000 communications are sent out annually.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$69,071.31.

Action on the petition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was postponed for another year.

Grand Master William Milligan, of South Dakota, was received as a visitor with the Grand Honors.

Balance and receipts of Grand Charity Fund, \$6,899.38.

Davenport was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Past Grand Master W. F. Cleveland was presented with a Past Grand Master's apron.

One of the pleasing episodes of the week, briefly stated, is as follows: Miss Cora E. Dennis for thirteen years was stenographer and assistant to the Grand Secretary. In that time, she had become known to all those in regular attendance at the Grand Lodge. A few months before, Miss Dennis resigned her office, to become the bride of Senator Julius Coller, of Minnesota. Mrs. Coller went to Cedar Rapids, so as to meet many of her old friends. While there, she was called to the balcony floor of the hotel, and was presented with a mahogany chest of solid silver by her Masonic friends.

CORRESPONDENCE.

While Brother L. E. Fellows was having a good time in

Vermont, the State of his nativity, he was called upon to write the report on Correspondence. He reluctantly consented, but his report is an interesting document, showing skill of a high order.

Georgia, for 1907, receives due consideration. Commenting on the refusal of Grand Master Meyerhardt to take part in the exercises of "Fraternal Day" at the State Fair, he says:

That the principles of fraternity may with entire propriety be publicly discussed we think there can be no doubt. That the spirit of fraternity should exist and be the controlling spirit at a State Fair would appear to be a self-evident truth. Wherein is there any impropriety in the setting apart of a day, on such an occasion, for the consideration of a subject of the highest importance to the welfare and happiness of the human family, and in inviting discussion by those best qualified for the work? Conceding that the Grand Master was invited because at the time he was the highest representative of a great fraternal organization—no one would anticipate that any of the secrets of such organization would be disclosed, or that there would be any discussion of other than the fundamental principles upon which all really fraternal societies are based.

Thus he concludes:

One cannot take an inventory of the rich treasures to be found displayed annually in the annals of the various Masonic Grand Lodges, without acquiring broader and more exalted ideas of the excellent tenets of our institution; the power and influence for good of Freemasonry in society and upon the world; the magnificence of its boundless charity and the elevating and enobling character of its moral teachings.

The brief hours devoted to our imaginary conference with the devoted band of brothers composing the "round-table" circle have been full of interest and delight, and as a parting salute to each—all hail!

Most Worshipful Philo J. Martin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Newton Ray Parvin, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS—1908.

Fifty-second Annual.

February 19.

TOPEKA.

The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Grand Master Edward W. Wellington.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Edward W. Wellington, Grand Master; twelve Past Grand

Masters, the Representatives of 285 Lodges, and Brother Harry E. Best, the Representative of Georgia.

The Grand Master announced that the year had been "one of notable success and prosperity." The annual returns show a total membership of 30,468, a net gain of 1,704. The number of Master Masons raised, 2,297—more than ever before in the history of the Grand Lodge.

The Secretary called the roll of departed brethren, after which followed prayer by the Grand Chaplain, "taps," and the rendering of the "Lost Chord" by the quartet.

Six new Lodges were constituted, and three more created by dispensation.

Official visits were made to thirty-seven of the constituent Lodges.

Having been notified that a chain letter was being circulated calling for contributions for the purpose of erecting a monument at Canton, Ohio, to the memory of William McKinley, he showed his disapprobation by sending a circular to all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction, calling attention to the chain letter, and requesting that no response be made to such an appeal.

One hundred and six special dispensations were issued for various purposes.

Three decisions were reported, all of local importance.

Total receipts of Masonic Home, \$22,050.31.

Cost of maintenance per capita, \$140.95.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1906, 64.

Number admitted during 1907, 20.

The Grand Master concludes his fine address with these noble words:

Let the ceremonies be decorous and without abbreviation. Let the candidate be required to exhibit unquestioned proficiency before being advanced. Let him be taught that the Lodge—Symbolic Masonry—is the only form of Masonry on which the sun never sets; that the authority of the Lodge over Symbolic Masonry is supreme and always has been; that no form of Masonic philosophy is known whose root and essence is not found in the Lodge; that the other associations of Masonry are all worthy of his patronage and support; that none can leap at a bound into moral, mental, social or Masonic greatness, but, even as it is the patience, skill and toil of the sculptor, not the block of marble, no matter how fine, how great, that produces the statue, so it is patient skill and

the ceaseless application of the working tools of our mystic Craft that makes the Mason. Thus it is that Lodges are erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John.

Brother Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made an elaborate special report. His conclusion is that a petitioner for recognition must be able to answer four questions satisfactorily:

1. Is the Masonry of your Grand Body founded upon and does it require of its initiates a belief in the existence of God, and in the immortality of the soul?

2. Are the obligations of its initiates taken in the name of God, upon the Holy Scriptures or Book of Faith, recognized by the candidate as the word of God?

3d. Is your Grand Lodge in every respect sovereign, and independent of control by any other Body whatever?

4. Is the work of your Grand Lodge limited to and does it have to do only with the first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry?

Extract from the address of Grand Orator Dallas Grover:

In determining the character of an institution, it is helpful and important to know what that institution has not done as well as to know what it has done, and it is pleasant to think that the records of Masonry are unstained by crime or cruelty. Masonry has never been an ally of unjust authority. It has never drawn an unholy sword. It has never shed blood. It has never caused tears. It has never built prison walls nor scaffolds. It has never persecuted. And to its everlasting credit must it be said that, although ignorance and bigotry have hawked at it and sought to destroy it, although it has been slandered and maligned, it has never manifested a spirit of retaliation, but has ever pursued the even tenor of its way, with charity for all, caring nothing for the malice of its enemies, and leaving in its course nothing but benefits and blessings, even for those who had planned its overthrow and its annihilation.

Wichita was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is by Brother Matthew M. Miller, an able and versatile writer. Under Georgia, for 1907, he compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt, and quotes from his annual address. He says, Brother Meyerhardt ended seven years of faithful and valuable service to the Craft of Georgia.

The following is taken from the conclusion of Brother Miller's report:

MASONIC WEATHER BUREAU.

The Masonic world seems to be without disquieting conditions. The "low" that passed over Queensland and New South Wales brought less of trouble than predicted or promised, ended in gentle showers, and has been succeeded by a "high," bringing with it clear skies, sunshine, together with the exhilarating and strengthening conditions usually attendant, which are always provocative of a general desire for peace on earth and good will to men.

The "low" was ominous of disturbance, but as it swept along, gathering force and momentum, "highs" suddenly developed in its path of direction, in localities that before seemed to give promise of unrestricted passage, and after vainly striving to press its way through, buffeted hither and thither, with force dissipated and strength spent, it gave way itself at last to the gentler forces of harmony, unity and peace.

Most Worshipful Henry F. Mason, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY—1907.

One Hundred and Seventh Annual.

October 15.

LOUISVILLE.

Present: Most Worshipful Samuel K. Veach, Grand Master; twenty-two Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 485 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Grand Master Veach. The Grand Master made an encouraging report. The year had been very successful and highly satisfactory and great good had been accomplished. The net increase in membership was 1,977, making the increase in income, \$3,944.

He noted the death of Brother J. R. Coleman, Grand Marshal; R. R. Roswell, Grand Senior Deacon, and Isaac A. Kelly, Superintendent of Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Among the large number of special dispensations, one authorized a Lodge to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on eight candidates; another, on eleven; another, on fifteen.

Here are some decisions:

1. Has a Kentucky Lodge a right to receive into membership a book-keeper for a distilling company?

Answer. That there is some question as to the ground covered by the resolution as passed at the last Grand Lodge as to just who is en-

gaged in the manufacture or sale of liquor, and while a *strict* construction might exclude him, conclude that the resolution was intended by the Grand Lodge to exclude such people as are salesmen and such people as participate in the profits of the manufacture or sale of such liquors, either as stockholder or owner. Now if this young man does not participate in the profits of the company as an owner or stockholder, and is simply a book-keeper, then in my opinion he is eligible.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thus comments on the decision :

Your committee believes that the decision of the Grand Master was the result of a clear conception of the great interests at stake and the serious results which might follow a mistake in this matter. And that while impressed with the importance of the question and its far-reaching consequences if interpreted in the narrow way which we have endeavored to describe in this report, he has taken the conservative, the charitable, the truly Masonic view of the question, and we most heartily approve of his decision.

6. The names of Committee on Investigation ought not to be made a matter of record, and it is doubtful whether their names should be reported to the Lodge. The questions they are to inquire into are delicate and confidential. If the petition is unfavorably reported on, there is danger of disturbing the harmony of the Lodge by incriminations of the investigators, to whom the secrecy of the ballot is, in effect, denied. Because of these facts, favorable reports are sometimes made to avoid personal animosities. Certainly the report of the committee ought not to be put as a permanent entry in the minutes.

7. Committees of Investigation should inquire into everything affecting the qualifications of a candidate, whether he is "sound in mind and members and under the tongue of good report," whether the Lodge has jurisdiction over him, and if the constitutional fee, or dimit, has been filed with the petition. All these facts must be inquired into by the committee, which is appointed for that purpose.

9. There is no written law to prevent the Master's re-election every year during his life, but there ought to be. Serving as Master of a Lodge for many years is a reflection and not a matter to boast of. If he is a fully capable Master he will so instruct his Wardens and members, that there will be more than one who is "worthy and well qualified" to take his place. Besides, it is selfish and unjust to retain one in office and keep competent brethren from the gratification of a laudable ambition, and thus neutralize a proper incentive for the members to make efforts to become proficient in Masonic work and methods by placing the reward beyond their hope.

In concluding his report, the Grand Master declared, he had answered as many as a thousand letters and had traveled more than 5,000 miles in the discharge of his duties.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$84,929.39.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant says of Lodge Secretaries:

It is my deliberate judgment, based upon experience and close touch with Secretaries, that they occupy the most important Lodge office, and one requiring the greatest diversity of excellent qualifications. He must have honesty, skill as a book-keeper, be ready with the pen, quick of perception, of good judgment in determining what to record and how to do it, accurate in figures, patient under criticisms, painstaking and industrious, well informed in Masonic law and usage, courteous and faithful.

His office is older than that of the Treasurer, and went before it until nearly fifty years ago, when he was reduced in rank below the Treasurer.

Twenty-two Lodges were organized under dispensation. Eleven chartered Lodges were constituted.

The following was rejected by the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for any Subordinate Lodge to receive the petition of anyone who uses spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors in any form whatsoever—except for medical purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother William W. Clarke makes an admirable report of 126 pages.

He begins his review of Georgia by an extract of one and one-half pages from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address, "which," he says, "is a paraphrase of a part of the ritual of the second degree." He has a good word for the writer.

Most Worshipful Henry P. Barret, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA—1908.

Ninety-sixth Annual.

February 3.

NEW ORLEANS.

Present: Most Worshipful L. E. Thomas, Grand Master; five Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of 177 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a finely-executed portrait of Grand Master L. E. Thomas.

We quote from the exordium of the Grand Master's forcible address:

Masonry is not, as the ignorant and uninstructed vainly suppose, founded on unmeaning mystery for the encouragement of bacchanalian

revelry and festivity, or the support of mere good fellowship, but it is an institution founded on the principles of eternal reason and truth, whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind and whose everlasting glory is supported by those two mighty pillars, science and morality.

No one can, with absolute certainty, point to the time or the place when its teachings were first propagated among the children of men, but we do know that from the garnered truths by it let fall upon the fallow ground of the ages gone, have grown the mighty facts of religion, and humanity and freedom that are to live through all the ages yet to be.

From the dim æons of the early times there comes up a strong, clear, sweet voice teaching us that it is our duty to "act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practice charity."

We are trying to teach mankind that there is a far more noble and glorious purpose in human life than simply hewing timber and squaring stones. We are endeavoring to show him that he must so regulate his life and conduct as to become a living stone, fit for that spiritual building, "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

We know that physical man and his physical work are alike ephemeral, but the works of the eternal mind partake of its own indestructible essence. Thus, while the beautiful Temple erected by the cunning skill of Hiram, the Builder, to the God of Israel has been dust for ages, the music of his song and the lessons of his moral philosophy still linger upon the lips of hundreds of thousands.

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We have heard that Masonry is grand because she is old, but Masonry is old because she is grand. She has withstood the ravages of time, the revolution of ages and the unrelenting crusades against her because she is founded on a philosophic basis. Waves of superstition and ignorance have sought to deluge us, but the blessed ark of "Trust in God" has safely wafted us over the tempestuous sea of troubles and brought us down to this good day.

Eleven dispensations had been issued for the formation of new Lodges.

The finances of the Grand Lodge were reported to be in fine condition.

Many official visitations were made.

Fifty-four special dispensations were granted. Some were refused: for Lodges to permit other societies to meet in their Lodge rooms; to issue a circular for and to build a new Lodge hall; to rent room from the Odd Fellows; to receive the petition of a Major in the artillery service of the United States army, he having resided in the State only six

months; to erect a Lodge hall in conjunction with other societies.

Here is one of the decisions rendered:

No. 5. Brother George Langtry, of Perfect Union Lodge, No. 1, submitted the following state of facts:

Under the regular course of business, a call for a report of the Committee was made, and the said Committee on a petition stated that they were not ready to report, and asked for further time, which was granted. Later in the same evening, the Worshipful Master returned to the head of the Report of Committees, and the Committee on the petition reported favorably and a ballot was taken and the candidate duly elected. Complaint was made of the irregularity of the action on account of some of the brethren having left the Lodge who would probably have voted against the candidate had the ballot been spread when that order of business was first reached.

My opinion was, that while the action taken was legal, and the Worshipful Master had the right to return to that order of business, it was probably not the correct thing to have done in view of the fact that some of the brethren had left the Lodge thinking no action would be had upon the petition. However, they were also at fault in having left before the Lodge adjourned, and, besides, any member could file an objection with the Worshipful Master.

Either one of the departing brethren could have caused the rejection of the candidate by simply communicating an objection in private to the Worshipful Master.

It was the deliberate opinion of the Grand Master after mature deliberation that the Masons of Louisiana should erect a Masonic Home.

The Grand Master concluded his admirable address with this poetic gem:

“Marble and recording brass decay
And like the 'graver's memory pass away,
The works of man inherit, as is just,
Their author's frailty and return to dust;
But Truth divine forever stands secure,
Its head as guarded as its base is sure;
Fixed in the rolling flood of endless years
The pillar of the eternal plan appears;
The waving storm and dashing wave defies,
Built by that Architect who built the skies.”

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$47,502.32.

Nine charters for new Lodges were issued.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Saskatchewan.

Grand Orator, Brother A. C. Allen, delivered an address replete with fine thoughts. We quote:

So broad is its tolerant foundations of love, that Jew and Gentile, Mohammedan and Buddhist, Catholic and Protestant, may all kneel around its sacred altar in the unity of love and peace and worship God of all, in strict accordance with the faith as taught to each by priest or prophet, or as learned by each while kneeling at his mother's knee, the purest and most heavenly of all human altars.

Cling to it, Oh, Jew! for it will fill your soul with a prescience as certain and joyful as the ladder which Jacob in his vision saw extending from earth to heaven, the principle rounds of which are faith, hope and charity; faith in God, hope in immortality and charity for all men.

Aye, cling to it, Oh, Jew! for it in truth will be the pillar of light leading your suffering, struggling millions through the wilderness of life's sorrows here to that enduring rest besides the running waters and within the peaceful shades of the new Jerusalem.

Cling to it, Oh, Christian! with the patriarchs and the prophets our Craftsmen protected, guarded and guided civilization and spiritual enlightenment up the waste of the centuries to the very shadow of your Cross of Calvary; as they wrought faithfully and well then, so are they working prayerfully and earnestly now with you, Oh! Christian—hastening the time when the forces of Arma Geddon shall decide the mighty conquest in favor of the God of our fathers—when the Apocalypse will be no longer a prophecy and the prescient thought of the Evangelist shall over-spread the earth a glorious reality; hastening the sweet and peaceful time when the angelic hosts of the Great Invisible shall descend again and hold sweet converse with the sons and daughters of men; when the whole world, lapped in universal law and harmony, shall vibrate only with the pæans of praise resounding from every hill-top and valley; when mankind shall renounce their hatreds and the wild beasts forget their vicious instinct; when the lion and the lamb shall lie down on green pastures in sweet communion, and old earth, with her teeming millions, redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled shall hold her jubilant festivals for 1,000 years.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, and Brother Mark Quayle answered for Georgia.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Herman C. Duncan made a report, covering sixty-seven Grand Lodges, including Georgia for 1906. More than one page is taken up in an extract from the annual address of Grand Master Meyerhardt.

Nearly all the rest of the review is consumed in an exhortation to this writer to be good. He thinks we are "very

radical at times, and spends a good deal of time showing his veneration for the "Ancient Landmarks." Will Brother Duncan kindly tell us what the "Ancient Landmarks" are?

Will Brother Duncan also tell us whether he considers a candidate for Masonry with six toes on one foot ineligible?

Most Worshipful J. C. Drew, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

MAINE—1907.

Eighty-eighth Annual.

May 7.

PORTLAND.

Present: Most Worshipful Charles Johnson, Grand Master; ten Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of 202 Lodges, and Brother Bial F. Bradbury, the Representative of Georgia.

The Grand Master, in his address, compliments Freemasonry for the part taken by the Institution in the world's progress:

The work of the Peace Congress which has just been held in the United States, and the sentiments there expressed by representative citizens from the most powerful nations in the world, show that the world has made and is now making a rapid advance toward that time "when swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." To this advance, Freemasonry has contributed as much as any other factor except the Christian religion. It has never taught that brotherly love was confined to the area of one country, but rather that it leaps over all barriers and is universal. Who can estimate how great an influence Freemasonry has exerted in bringing about the almost universal desire of the great nations to unite in the cultivation of the arts of peace, and in freeing the world from the horrors and carnage of war, since, in them all, it numbers among its supporters men of the greatest intellectual powers and the broadest sympathies, who have subscribed to its tenets and practice them; for Freemasonry is not a system of ethics built up for the admiration of mankind, but a practical guide for human conduct, and these men, imbued with a love of sincerity and truth, have bound themselves at its altar to practice its teachings, among all of which none is more important than brotherly love, which unites men of all nations, races, religions and opinions.

Twenty-five special dispensations were issued to attend divine service in commemoration of Saint John's Day; two,

to attend divine service on a day other than Saint John's Day; nine, to elect officers at a time other than the annual meeting; three, to act on petitions for degrees in a shorter time than that allowed by the Constitution.

One of the decisions was that an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason could not be tried by a Lodge for an offence alleged to have been committed before he was made a Mason.

He also decided that a collective ballot could be taken on seven candidates by unanimous consent of the Lodge, but he does not think it advisable:

The objections to such a ballot, even by unanimous vote of the Lodge, are obvious. No member of the Lodge is able to register his objection to any candidate without voting against all, and if the question of unanimous consent to such a ballot is put to a vote, and a brother should vote in the negative, and afterward, when the candidates were voted upon separately, one should be blackballed, the brother who voted in the negative upon the question of taking the collective ballot would be singled out as the one who had cast a black ball, and thus the secrecy of the ballot would be destroyed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, while concurring in the views of the Grand Master, reported a standing rule, "That in balloting upon applications for degrees, the ballot shall be taken upon each applicant separately."

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$8,357.51.

Net gain in Lodge membership, 641.

Average Lodge membership, 131.

Grand Lecturer, Frank E. Sleeper, assisted by the officers of Seaside Lodge, conferred the third degree upon an actual candidate.

The Grand Lodge, of Alberta, was recognized.

Assets of the Charity Fund, \$47,670.30.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report by Brother Albro E. Chase merits the plaudit, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Prefacing liberal extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's annual address, he says, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Max Meyerhardt, prefaces his address by an introduction worthy to be compared with those

hitherto written by him, and a beautiful word picture of "the Day of Atonement"—the great white fast of the Jews."

Brother Chase failed to receive the Georgia Proceedings, but he quotes many times from our remarks under other Jurisdictions. He is always discriminating, courteous, and interesting.

Most Worshipful Charles F. Johnson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MAINE—1908.

Eighty-ninth Annual.

May 5.

PORTLAND.

Present: Most Worshipful Charles F. Johnson, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 185 Lodges.

The Grand Master speaks in optimistic terms to his brethren:

The year which has passed has been an exceedingly prosperous one for this Grand Jurisdiction, which numbers now as its membership 27,356, a gain of 826 over the preceding year; it has, therefore, been a year of great activity among all the subordinate Lodges.

I am glad to announce, too, that, so far as my observation has extended, this increase in membership has not been accomplished by lowering our standards of admission.

All over Maine, Masonry has been attracting to its Lodges during the past year, as in all the years that have preceded, men of the best type of citizenship; harmony and good will prevail between all the subordinate Lodges and in no instance has anything arisen which has caused contention between them.

Special communications were held at Saco, at Charleston, and at Showhegan to dedicate Lodge halls.

The Grand Master answered a great many questions during the year, but only a few of his replies are recorded. We fully endorse the following:

In one instance also I was asked: "Whether a candidate who could not read, and who could simply write his name, was eligible," to which I answered that he was not, stating as my reason that a person, who was so illiterate, would not be able to obtain much knowledge of our Institution, nor would he confer much honor upon it.

The Grand Master condemned the practice of holding Masonic balls under the auspices of some Lodge.

Balance and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$20,480.06.

On the evening of the second day, the third degree was conferred on two candidates by the officers of Aurora Lodge, of Rockland.

The Grand Lodge, of Saskatchewan, was recognized:

Brother William Pitt Preble, Senior Past Grand Master, who had come on from New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., to attend the Grand Lodge, although in his ninetieth year, was introduced to the members by Past Grand Master Chase, and was welcomed by the Grand Master, the members standing.

Certificates of charter were granted to three Lodges.

Investments of Charity Fund, \$52,304.60.

Disbursements of Charity Fund, \$12,079.49.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Albro E. Chase presents another interesting report.

He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt, and quotes largely from his annual address. Commenting on the decision which reads, "A vote for advancement covers proficiency and not proficiency alone," he says, "As regards No. 3, we believe that the ballot should be for proficiency alone."

Nevertheless, Brother Meyerhardt decided according to Georgia law.

If it was discovered that the candidate was unfit for advancement by reason of moral turpitude, the ballot was an easy way to stop him.

Under Indian Territory, we read:

Question. Brothers A and B bet on a horse race, placing the money in the hands of Brother C as stakeholder. The race over, they go to Brother C for the money, who denies having received it. A and B then prefer charges against C for defrauding them.

Answer. I instructed the Lodge to dismiss the case as we cannot enforce profane law in a Masonic Lodge. The courts of the land are open for cases of this nature and should not be brought into the Lodge.

Is there a law in Indian Territory against gambling, or betting at horse races? And is there a law which allows collection of debts in-

carried in either case? And if the law does not permit such doings why should not charges be preferred against all three, A, B and C?

Most Worshipful Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA—1908.

Thirty-third Annual.

June 10

WINNIPEG.

Present: Most Worshipful James Scroggie, Grand Master; ten Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of forty-two Lodges, and Brother Thomas L. Morton, the Representative of Georgia.

His Honor, Judge Forbes, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, was a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master made eleven official visits.

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Lodges.

Like other Grand Masters, Brother Scroggie is perplexed over the question of non-affiliated Masons:

With respect to other matters of importance affecting the interests of the Craft, within this Grand Lodge, I am compelled to repeat the expressions used by several of my worthy predecessors in office. That it is lamentable that no organized or well defined effort is being used to induce the non-affiliate to resume his Masonic obligations. Into this Western and fast developing country, there comes a vast concourse of men during every year seeking new homes and brighter associations. Such of them as are members of this Fraternity should not be allowed to drift apart from the privileges of the Order and from association with its ready effort to do good.

Lack of invitation may often be the cause, a want of organization having for its definite purpose the extending of a Masonic welcome; provision if made in this respect, would in my opinion avoid the drifting process, and reclaim to Masonry a large percentage of those who otherwise remain non-affiliates. In the past, and with respect to this important matter, it has also been said that in the absence of other than ordinary business and ritualistic functions of the Lodge, many have been induced to seek association, more social and perhaps more entertaining in character.

Telegrams of fraternal greetings were interchanged between the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

A handsome chain collar was presented to Past Grand Master John McKechnie.

Balance to credit of Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, \$2,366.58.

Balance to credit of Investment Account, \$13,100.

Four new Lodges were constituted under charter, and dispensations were issued for the formation of two more.

Total membership, 4,248.

Net increase, 376.

Most Worshipful Henry J. Pugh, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND—1907.

One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual.

November 19.

BALTIMORE.

The Semi-Annual Communication was held at Baltimore, May 14, 1907, with Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock presiding. Only business of local importance was transacted.

Three Special Communications were held: at Preston, to confer the Past Master's degree on a Worshipful Master-elect; at Sharptown, to confer the Past Master's degree on another brother; at Baltimore, to perform the funeral rites over the body of Past Grand High Priest David C. Avery.

The Annual Communication was opened by Senior Grand Warden George Cook, with the Representatives of 107 Lodges present.

By order of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Marshal, accompanied by the Grand Pursuivant, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Bearer, and other members of his staff, proceeded to the apartments of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and escorted him to the Grand Lodge room.

His entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given and the Most Worshipful Grand Master took the gavel tendered him by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and assumed the duties of the Grand East.

If the Grand Master made an address, it does not appear in the Proceedings. The failure to have an annual address is confined to Maryland alone.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$30,692.39.

Action on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition was again postponed.

Brother James T. Dennis, Assistant Field Director of Excavations, just home from Egypt after an absence of fifteen years, while engaged in cleaning the site of a temple in the neighborhood of Luxor, about five hundred miles south of Cairo, Egypt, in the progress of the work they came across several specimens of Masons' mallets which were used by the old builders of over forty-five hundred years ago in the construction and dedication of the temple. One of these he presented to the Grand Lodge of Maryland as a sample of an ancient working tool of the Craft in long-ago ages.

The Grand Lodge made an appropriation of \$100 to the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Henry Branch. Brother Branch returned thanks in a fine speech.

The Grand Lodge passed a resolution:

Prohibiting the erection of buildings for Masonic purposes without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master; that no subordinate Lodge in that Jurisdiction be permitted to confer the degrees of Masonry on any candidate from another Jurisdiction by courtesy unless the candidate shall have received at least the Entered Apprentice degree in the Lodge making the request.

The committee previously appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a Home for Aged, Infirm, and Indigent Masons, reported, "That after correspondence with all the Grand Lodges of the United States, and carefully considering all their reports, we recommend no action be taken."

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting report of 128 pages is made by Brother Edward T. Shultz.

As a prelude to liberal quotations from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address, he says:

We have had occasion heretofore to speak of the eloquence of Grand Master Meyerhardt's addresses. The present one is no exception.

Speaking of our explanation of the Georgia law concern-

ing N. P. D.'s, he says, "This is sophistry pure and simple." Well, we thought our explanation contained the principles of sound logic, but we bow to the superior wisdom and experience of Brother Shultz. We must have been "befuddled" by a good dinner, when we wrote that explanation. *Nemo omnibus horis sapiens est.*

Most Worshipful Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William M. Isaac, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS—1907.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Boston, December 11, 1907, with Grand Master John A. Blake presiding. Two Past Grand Masters were present. 198 Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master had made fifty-four official visitations.

A Special Communication was held at Provincetown, August 20, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Pilgrim Memorial Church. According to the report of the Grand Master:

This was a notable occasion, being of a national character and, in the annals of the Grand Lodge, will rank with the dedication of the Forefathers' Monument, at Plymouth, and the laying of the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument, at Charlestown. May this project be carried to final completion, and may the column stand as a fitting memorial to the virtue, courage, sacrifice and religion of the Pilgrim Fathers.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$86,615.32.

Amount of Masonic Education and Charity Fund, \$392,-956.71.

Loss of membership during the year, 669.

The Grand Master laid great stress upon the importance of vigilance in the admission of visitors to Lodges on account of spurious Lodges and so-called Grand Lodges.

The Stated Communication was held, December 27.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Great Light was opened at the Gospel of Saint John the Evangelist.

Grand Master Blake was installed in Due Form:

The brethren present, to the number of two hundred, then formed in procession and saluted His Worship in the time-honored form. The Grand Marshal proclaimed Most Worshipful John Albert Blake Grand

Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and invoked the blessing of Almighty God upon his government of the Craft.

At 6 P. M. the Craft was called from labor to refreshment, and proceeded to the banquet hall, where the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist was celebrated in Due and Ancient Form.

Toasts were offered, speeches abounding in wit and good humor were delivered, and the brethren separated with the feeling that they had attended a "royal feast."

Most Worshipful John A. Blake, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Seveno D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—1908.

Sixty-fourth Annual.

May 26.

JACKSON.

Present: Most Worshipful Charles E. Sweet, Grand Master; thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 397 Lodges.

Portraits of Grand Master Herbert Montague and other officers of the Grand Lodge occupy the first pages.

An address of welcome was made by Hon. Charles E. Townsend, Congressman from the Second District of Michigan, to which suitable response was made by Grand Master Sweet.

In his annual address, the Grand Master announced that the past year had been the banner year of his Jurisdiction, 4,623 members having been added to the rolls, showing a net gain of 2,532.

Seven new Lodges were constituted during the year, ten corner-stones were laid, and one new Lodge was organized under dispensation. Fifty-four special dispensations were issued for various purposes.

We quote six of the twenty-five decisions recorded:

4. One who has carried his dimit more than one year in the State of Michigan, is under the same disabilities as a suspended member. The petition must be made for admission accompanied by the dimit, lie over one month and requires a clear ballot to elect.

ELECTION.

5. The fact that a Master Mason has become incapacitated through

accident to give the necessary grips, etc., does not disqualify him for the office of Worshipful Master. A Master Mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to the degree, one of which rights is the election to any office in the Lodge, under the regulations.

8. No one, not a Mason, can be allowed to act as a bearer at a Masonic funeral. A Masonic funeral is a part of Masonic work, and is conducted while the Lodge is at labor, and a man, not a Mason, could no more take part as a bearer at a funeral than an outsider could assist in the conferring of the third degree. When it is desired to recognize friends of the deceased brother, who are not Masons, they may be appointed honorary pall bearers, but can have no part in the ceremonies.

15. Question. Where a candidate for Masonry has received one degree, and something occurs in his conduct which displeases one of the brethren of the Lodge, and that brother approaches the Worshipful Master in the presence and hearing of men who are not Masons, and in a profane and emphatic manner, tells the Worshipful Master that the candidate can go no further in Masonry, is this a lawful objection, and shall it be so treated by the Master?

Answer. No. While it is not necessary that an objection shall be in writing and filed with the Worshipful Master, or that it shall be absolutely private, still it is necessary that the communication of such objection shall be absolutely private so far as those outside of Masonry are concerned, and one who is so careless of his obligations and duties as to make an objection in the manner stated, is not only entitled to have his objection considered, but should be dealt with for un-Masonic conduct.

20. It is un-Masonic for any Lodge or a member of a Lodge, to publish or cause to be published, either in a Lodge paper or a newspaper, the fact that any brother has taken the first or second degree in Masonry, and any Lodge or Master Mason making or causing to be made any such publication, is guilty of a Masonic offense, and should be dealt with accordingly.

21. A candidate for Masonry, who has lost a part of one foot, but has enough remaining so that he can, without any mechanical appliances or attachments, make the steps and take all the necessary positions to prove himself a Mason, is physically qualified for Masonry.

The Committee on Jurisprudence failed to approve No. 15, having decided that the Worshipful Master should have received the objection, and treated it as valid, and then ordered charges preferred against the brother making the objection, for un-Masonic conduct.

Forty-three official visits were made.

Here are two recommendations of the Grand Master:

Section 10. Except by dispensation of the Grand Master, no Lodge shall confer the first or second degree on more than five candidates, nor more than one degree on any candidate at one meeting; neither shall the

interval between the initiation and the raising of a candidate be less than one lunar month. The first section of the first degree, and the second section of the third degree, shall not be conferred on more than one candidate at a time.

The question of electioneering has been one of the most difficult ones I have had to deal with, and I am satisfied that it will never be possible to technically uphold standing resolution No. 20.

I am satisfied that it is un-Masonic and contrary to the best interests of the Craft to have such a regulation governing our membership.

I see no good reason why a Lodge should not, if it so desires, issue a letter in the interests of one of its members, or any other good Mason whom the Lodge desires should be honored by this Grand Lodge.

I see no good reason why any member of a Lodge should be deprived of the privilege of writing a letter to any other brother in this Grand Jurisdiction, requesting him to support himself, or one of his friends, for a position in this Grand Lodge.

It seems to me that it is the proper way to introduce candidates for office, much more so than to compel them to make their canvass by the button-hole and around the corner conversation, which is the only plan left at this time.

I therefore recommend that standing resolution No. 20 be abolished.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed the recommendation of the Grand Master as to Section 10, but refused to concur in the recommendation as to Section 20:

This resolution is the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1906, prohibiting electioneering methods on the part of brothers who aspire to be elected to offices in the Grand Lodge. The reason for the adoption of the resolution at the time it was adopted, was that it was thought by the Grand Lodge to be a good one and your committee still think the Grand Lodge acted wisely in adopting that resolution. We think it correctly lays down the rule for the government of brothers who desire to be elected to offices in the Grand Lodge. All that this Grand Lodge can do in its legislative capacity is to indicate correct rules and adopt correct edicts in reference to these matters. When this is done the fault does not then lie with the rule or the edict but in the non-enforcement of them.

We, therefore, recommend that the resolution remain in force and that the recommendation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in this respect be not concurred in.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$32,559.34.

Cost of maintenance of Masonic Home for year \$10,846.85.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

A jewel was presented to Brother Charles E. Sweet, retiring Grand Master.

A report covering the Proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Lodges, including Georgia, for 1907, is furnished by Brother Lon B. Windsor.

Liberal quotations are made from the address of Grand Master Meyerhardt.

Most Worshipful Herbert Montague, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Lon B. Windsor, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1908.

Fifty-fifth Annual.

January 22.

ST. PAUL.

Present: Most Worshipful Gustaf Widel, Grand Master; twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 246 Lodges.

Brother William B. Patton, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Grand Master Widel.

The Grand Master thus begins his annual address:

If we regard life as a voyage, we have fair tides and fair winds; head tides and contrary winds. All enter into the grandeur of the sea. If we regard life as a journey, we have the hills and the valleys. Together they give to us the beauty of the landscape. Life's voyage can be full of interest, life's journey worth while. On the voyage of life, whether on the crest of the wave with a fair wind, or in the trough of the sea with a head tide; on the journey of life, whether on the hill tops or in the valleys, let us ever remember to be true Masons, and thus true men.

One new Lodge was constituted during the year, and another was created by dispensation.

Fifteen special dispensations were issued. Some were refused: to allow Lodges to attend public or Divine service in a body; to call meetings in the month of July and August; to receive the petition of candidates before they had lived one year within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge; to receive a petition, read the application, and ballot on same at the same communication; to allow maimed or otherwise disqualified men to become members of the Craft.

Of the six decisions rendered, we reproduce one:

2. Question. A petition was presented to the Lodge duly made out.

It was referred to a committee and the Chairman given possession of same. The Chairman lost the petition. In the meantime the petitioner requested a withdrawal, which was refused. Will it be necessary for the Lodge to submit a new blank petition to the petitioner for his signature, merely for the purpose of placing same on record, or would a certified copy be sufficient? If presented to him and he refuses to sign, what procedure would be pursued?

Answer. It would not be necessary to submit a new petition. The Secretary should file a certified copy in his archives. The petition cannot be withdrawn unless favorably reported on by the Committee on Investigation, and then only by unanimous vote of the Lodge.

Total receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$28,605.08.

Brother A. O. Eberhardt delivered an eloquent and scholarly address on "The Duties of a Mason."

We make room for one extract:

In the early hours of Christmas morning I have stood outside a church and observed the lighting of a thousand candles, and, as they shone through the stained windows, how they transformed the somber edifice into a brilliant temple, and the effect was certainly inspiring; in the shadow of evening I have seen a hundred thousand electric lights leap into existence in a second, and transform a dismal park with its buildings and surroundings into a scene of indescribable resplendency, and the effect was magnificent; but vastly grander is the light of the Supreme Intelligence as it reveals itself in the life-inspiring rays of the sun, to quicken and nourish every living object, filling heaven and earth and all nature with an endless chain of matchless transfigurations, and more sublime than all, is the splendor of this divine light when, in the last moments of life on earth, it illumines the shattered and pallid features of a departing brother, reflecting the peaceful glory of a well-spent life, as it separates itself from the lifeless form to shine in the realm of everlasting day.

A Special Committee presented a feeling report upon the the life and services of Brother Thomas Montgomery, who died, June 7, 1907, who was a Mason for forty years, and who was Grand Secretary for seventeen years.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The applications of the Grand Orient of Greece and the Grand Lodge Alpina were indefinitely postponed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is the good work of Brother Irving Todd. He condenses into ninety-nine pages a skillful review of the Masonic history connected with the various Jurisdictions.

He gives the facts, but no comments are offered. Brother Todd's review is followed by the Proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota in its Sixteenth Annual Reunion. The brethren had a good time.

Most Worshipful William P. Roberts, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI—1908.

Ninetieth Annual.

February 11.

HATTIESBURG.

Present: Most Worshipful Henry Clay Yawn, Grand Master; nine Past Grand Masters, and Brother Oliver Lee McKay, the Representative of Georgia.

A public reception was held at Opera House, where welcome addresses were made.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's instructive address, we quote:

We like to think of this world as being bright and beautiful. We like the sunshine, the care-free songs of the birds, the babbling of the brook, and the delicate tints of the flowers; but in the economy of nature we also have the clouds and the storm, the plaintive moan of the mateless dove, the crash and wreck of the swollen river, and the withered and seared leaf—the victim of the Ice King's frosted breath. The stormy wintry blast causes the rootlets of the oak to take a firmer and deeper hold upon the earth, thus making it more stable and secure; the sorrow of the dove dissipates the false and senuous pride which the symmetrical contour of the body and the beautiful iridescent plumage might engender; the swollen stream enriches the land, making it more fruitful and productive than before, and the frost and snow bring surcease to the shrub and plant from continuous fructification and energy, which would soon result in its death.

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The greatest achievement of human muscle and genius will finally be annihilated. The pyramids are slowly but surely yielding to the sands of time; the facial features of the sphynx, colossal genii of the boundless plains, are scarcely discernible; the hanging gardens of Babylon, the mighty product of wealth and genius, the puerile desire of a king to gratify a homesick Median princess, are known today only through the scanty data handed down to us by Siculus and Strabo. The productions of the world's famous painters and sculptors will sometime mingle again with the dust, but brotherly love, relief and truth, as well as charity, will live beyond the grave, throughout the boundless realms of eternity.

Is there a Mason here who has not made someone's life sweeter and happier by some token of friendship, some act of sympathy, or some word of encouragement during the year just past? If you have, you have not only carried out the teachings of our noble Order, but have added a stone to a monument that will stand while the psalms are rung out on the horologe of eternity.

Twenty-two special dispensations were granted for sundry purposes.

Some were refused: to ballot out of time and confer all three degrees on a Methodist minister; to receive and ballot on a petition of a clergyman, who had not been within the jurisdiction the required length of time; to ballot out of time and confer third degree on five candidates while the District Deputy Grand Master could be present; to ballot out of time and confer all three degrees on a young man, who desired to leave, to attend school; to retake ballot on candidate, who had been twice rejected; to elect new officers, after those named in the charter were installed.

Fourteen Lodges were constituted during the year.

Of the Masonic Home, the Grand Master says:

I trust you brethren will not consider me pessimistic when I say that the Home is in a precarious condition. This precariousness, however, is contingent on our ability to impress the Craft with the gravity of the situation. If the brethren will realize that it is the child of our own creation, and that we alone are responsible for its maintenance and support, then I feel that no anxiety need be felt; but unless this is done, and unless each Mason in Mississippi can be made to feel his personal responsibility in this matter, I shall be apprehensive.

As an Order we have all along these years boasted of our charity and fidelity to the tenets of our Fraternity. It may be that too much theory and too little practice has characterized us along this line in the past. If so, our excuse may be that we have not had very great demands upon this prominent tenet of our profession. This cannot serve as an excuse now; the demand is upon us. Shall we meet it, and thus give a practical and an undying demonstration to the world that we are sincere in our claims, or shall we prove recreant to the trust imposed?

Nine decisions are recorded. We quote two of them:

"From Albertson Lodge, No. 454. —Our Lodge holds its meetings in the second story of a school building. The building is owned by Brother Ikeler. We have, for lack of room below, allowed the Lodge room to be used for school purposes. Now, they want to erect a stage in the Lodge room and conduct their closing exercises there." The Master of the Lodge objected, but later yielded. "Did I do wrong?" he asks, and "is it lawful to teach school in Lodge rooms?"

Answer.—It is the policy of our Order, and in fact is the law that no other society or body shall have access to our Lodge rooms. This seems to be the idea that has obtained, and the rule that has been laid down for guidance all along. However, conditions may arise that render it necessary to deviate from this policy, especially with bodies that are orderly and not antagonistic to Masonry. Since you have extended to the school the privilege of using your room for its session, I think you are entirely consistent in permitting its use for the closing exercises.

From Trinity Lodge, No. 88.—A petition for initiation was presented to our Lodge. Committee on same reported favorably, and he was elected. Information has since come to the Master of the Lodge that the petitioner is addicted to the morphine habit. The degree has not yet been conferred. Please advise me what action, if any, should be taken by me in the premises.

Answer.—The Lodge is the sole judge of the moral qualifications of those whom they elect to become members of it. If the Lodge believes that any petitioner for initiation will become a burden to the Fraternity, or that his moral conduct will be such as to bring discredit upon the Order, then it is their duty to reject him; and if after such a one has been elected it develops that he is likely to become a burden to the Lodge, and that his morals are not what the Lodge thought they were at the time of receiving and balloting upon his petition, then the Worshipful Master, or any brother, has a perfect right to object to his initiation or advancement.

Nine dispensations were granted for the creation of new Lodges.

The sum of \$50 was drawn from the Charity Fund to assist the brethren at Kingston, Jamaica, in rebuilding the only Masonic hall on the Island.

The Grand Secretary reports having received from Lodges during the year the sum of \$13,488.97 for the Masonic Home.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$13,000.00.

The following decision was made by the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence:

Question.—Does the fact that a candidate is living apart from his wife disqualify him.

Answer.—We do not think that a man who is simply living apart from his wife is guilty of such conduct as would disqualify him from being a Mason. There might be a just and legal cause for his so living apart. But if he wrongfully and wickedly lives apart from his wife, we do not think he ought to be made a Mason, and we think that the Committee should examine into this question before it reports upon his application. A Mason ought to be a good man in every particular, and a worthy citizen of the community in which he resides. If the applicant

is not such a man, no matter in what particular he fails to come up to this standard, he ought not to be made a Mason.

Meridian was selected as the next place of meeting.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Harry Howard makes his second report. Georgia, for 1906, seems not to find favor in his eyes, judging by his rather caustic criticisms. He says:

Seventy-six hundred dollars were spent during the year to maintain thirty orphans in the Home, but, of course, most of this went to the executive branch for salaries.

Why, of course? Brother Harris, the Superintendent, is the only one who receives a salary, and a very moderate one at that.

Most Worshipful Edwin J. Martin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI—1907.

Eighty-seventh Annual.

September 24.

ST. LOUIS.

Present: Most Worshipful David M. Wilson, Grand Master; and a constitutional number of Representatives.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the children of the Masonic Home were grouped on the stage, and rendered an interesting program.

The first pages are occupied by a portrait and obituary of Past Grand Master Noah M. Givan.

Grand Master Wilson, whose portrait occupies one page of the Proceedings, made an excellent address.

He reported favorable conditions in his own Jurisdiction, harmony, unanimity, and concord prevailed.

Nearly 240 Lodges own their halls. He says:

But while it is very gratifying, and a very pleasant duty to report this material and numerical growth and prosperity, it affords me a far greater pleasure to state that there is a most commendable effort among our Lodges and the Brotherhood to carry into actual practice the great moral lessons Masonry teaches. It is not at all as sounding brass, or as tinkling cymbals, but thousands of Masons in Missouri Lodges are con-

scientiously and earnestly trying to live up to their solemn obligations. It gives me great pride and pleasure to be able to make this statement, and to know that it is true.

We quote some of decisions rendered:

1. Lowery City Lodge, No. 403. Question.—Can the Junior Warden open and preside, and confer degrees, the Senior Warden being present, although requested so to do by the Senior Warden?

Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Can a Master Mason who has never held either the Warden's station or the Master's station, confer degrees after the Lodge is duly opened by proper officers, and asked so to do by presiding officer?

Answer.—Yes.

Question 3.—Is it lawful for the Worshipful Master to declare out of order and refuse to entertain a motion to donate to an officer or member a sum of money out of the funds of the Lodge, which does not purport to be either remuneration for services performed or to be performed, or a charitable donation, on the ground that the brother is in need of the money?

Answer.—Yes, and no, according to circumstances. As a rule, no. A motion to surrender the charter and divide the funds of the Lodge should be ruled out of order. But suppose a brother and his wife were about to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, and a motion were made to donate, say, fifty dollars; if the brother had meritoriously distinguished himself in Freemasonry, and the funds of the Lodge were sufficient to warrant the expenditure, the motion would be in order. The exercise of good judgment and common sense by the Master would obviate all practical difficulty.

16. Macks Creek Lodge, No. 433. Question.—If a Master Mason has taken out a dimit several years ago and now petitions the same Lodge for affiliation, should he pay said Lodge one year's dues?

Answer.—No. Nothing can be charged against a brother who affiliates. He is required to affiliate, or at least petition within one year from the date of his dimit, or else he loses his good standing, and all his Masonic rights, except the right to affiliate. Under our law dues can not be charged in advance. Hence it follows that the petitioner should not be required to pay one year's dues or any other amount.

31. Salisbury Lodge, No. 208.—Our Tyler has been Janitor also, but wishes to resign as Janitor. A negro Mason applied for the position.

Question.—Would it not be an unwise thing to employ the negro, who, of course, is a clandestine Mason, even as Janitor?

Answer.—The employment of the negro as Janitor I leave with your Lodge for settlement. You have a perfect right to decide it either way, as your own feelings and wishes may incline you.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 273.—B., a member of this Lodge, has been for some years book-keeper in a saloon, but in nowise engaged in selling liquors. The saloon keeper died, and the license was then taken out in

the name of B. and one D.; B., however, performing the same duties as before, and not owning or having any interest in the business.

Question.—What must we do? Must we expel, or can we suspend him while he is thus engaged?

Answer.—B. must sever his connection with the saloon business, or else sever his connection with Masonry. There can be no middle ground. The punishment is expulsion, not suspension.

55. North Star Lodge, No. 157. Question.—At what age or time in life should the obligation to assist an orphan cease; or how long are we compelled to take care of an orphan?

Answer.—You are to take care of an orphan as long as his or her necessities may require and your ability permit. The question also includes this: At what age does one cease to be an orphan?

Webster defines an orphan to be a child bereaved of both father and mother; sometimes, also, a child who has but one parent living. A Masonic definition of an orphan would be a child who has been bereaved of its father. Now, a child, or an infant, is one who has not yet reached his majority; that is, is not yet twenty-one, if a boy, and not eighteen, if a girl, at which age, respectively, they become adults, and cease to be children or minors. In my opinion, then, an orphan ceases to be such when he or she reaches adult age.

Seventeen corner-stones were laid. In this connection, the Grand Master says:

In this connection I desire to say this: That in at least two of these instances the corner-stones laid had no marks, words or inscriptions whatever to show that they had ever been laid by the Masons. I refer to the Y. M. C. A. building and the Boone County Court House, both at Columbia. To these and all kindred corner-stone layings I enter my emphatic and solemn protest. Had I been present I would have refused to proceed with the ceremonies. Those ceremonies, as set out in our Book of Constitutions, provide that on the stone is to be engraved the year of Masonry, the name of the Grand Master, and such other particulars as may be deemed necessary, among which should always be the inscription that the stone was laid by the Grand Lodge. If those in authority are not willing for these things to appear, then, I, for one, say we will not lay your corner-stones. I stand for the dignity and high importance of Masonry, and firmly believe that any organization is honored by having the corner-stone of its building laid by the Order, and the least it can do in return is to let the stone so speak for itself.

The Grand Secretary reported that for the second time in the history of the Grand Lodge, he had secured reports and Grand Lodge dues from every one of the 584 Lodges in the State; also, the collections for the year exceeded by some \$2,300 the Grand Lodge dues for any previous year.

The sum of \$20,732.50 was turned over for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

Grand Treasurer's total receipts, \$83,168.68.

Some of the Grand Lodges have Grand Orators; some have none; while Missouri comes forward with two.

From Grand Orator W. C. Atwood's forcible address, we quote:

Selfishness makes no gardens and plants no flowers anywhere. As Masons we shall honor our Institution, and commend its virtues to the world when we exercise the grace of brotherly love. We need more of it among ourselves. Masonry will help to make us better men, just as we bestow upon others, and just as others bestow upon us, the heavenly boon of brotherly love. Masonry teaches us how mutually dependent we are upon each other, and how much we need to give and receive the helping hand and heart of genuine brotherly affection. We look into the bird's nest and we see the strong giving herself for the weak. By a law of instinct birds flock together, and become helps to one another, as they migrate to other climes. Sheep huddle together during the snow-storm for mutual warmth and protection. A selfish species can not long survive, and any creature that will not stand together with his kind in mutual protection will soon disappear.

The following poetic gem is found in Grand Orator John E. Swanger's address:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men, whom the lust of office can not kill;
Men, whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men, who possess opinions and a will;
Men, who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men, who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creed,
Their large professions and their little deed,
Mingle in selfish strife, Lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps."

Retiring Grand Master David M. Wilson was presented with an appropriate jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Rufus E. Anderson thus introduces a comprehensive report of 246 pages:

In looking over the Proceedings of the various Grand Bodies for the

last year, we have been impressed with the continued prosperity of our Order. The wrecks of multitudes of societies which enjoyed the popular favor for a season and floated for a time upon the unruffled sea of success, strew the beach of Time. They foundered in the storms of discord, and went down in the ocean of contention, but the bark upon which the fortunes of our Order were shipped has outridden hurricanes, sailed the borders of whirlpools, and today, without a defect in her keel, a rotten rib or plank, a split sail or a broken cord, she "rides the waters like a thing of life;" floats her flag over myriads of mariners, who stand to her helm and cordage, and we believe she is destined to buffet the wind and the wave for all time and tempests to come, and be afloat in all her trim, holiday splendor, when the Angel of Doom blows the judgment trumpet, and the last thunder shakes the world below. So mote it be.

Georgia, for 1906, receives nearly six pages of courteous treatment.

He says, "Brother Meyerhardt has lost none of his zeal or his eloquence."

He notes the "Condition of the Craft," "Official Visitations," "County and District Conventions," "Masonic Home," and other matters.

He recommends the closing words of the Master's address to Masons everywhere.

He agrees with this writer that Grand Orientals are not of equal dignity with Grand Lodges.

He thinks the "Landmarks cannot be improved on."

Most Worshipful John T. Short, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John R. Parson, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA—1907.

Fiftieth Annual.

June 4.

OMAHA.

Present: Most Worshipful Zuingle M. Baird, Grand Master; twenty-three Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 209 Lodges.

The Grand Master, in his address, declared the general condition of Masonry throughout the State to be all that could be desired, with, perhaps, a slight desire on the part of some Lodges to consider quantity of more importance than quality. Increase during the year, 565.

The Grand Treasurer's report presents the largest cash balance on hand ever reported to the Grand Lodge.

Nineteen Special Dispensations were issued. For each one issued, ten dollars went into the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

Here are some decisions :

1. If a Mason suspended indefinitely makes application for reinstatement, can his dimit be granted upon application made in the same letter or petition in which he asks to be reinstated? Answer. No.

2. A brother refusing to pass an examination as is required by Section 66, is subject to charges, but a Lodge cannot refuse under our law to grant a dimit because a brother has not passed said examination, unless he has refused to pass said examination, and charges have been preferred.

3. Dealing on the board of trade, or trading on the board of trade, is gambling, and a bad example for a Master of a Lodge to set before the brethren.

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved No. 3, and offered this substitute, which was adopted :

Dealings on a board of trade, providing the transactions are bona fide purchases or sales, and where the intention of the parties is to deliver the actual commodities, are legitimate. But when the parties have no intention of delivering the commodities, but speculate upon the future price, and intend to settle the difference by the market quotations, it constitutes gambling, and is a Masonic offense.

The committee also disapproved a decision that "An applicant for the degrees of Masonry who has lost the third and fourth fingers of the right hand is not eligible."

The committee failed to endorse the following, but gave no reason :

7. An elected petitioner for the degrees of Masonry declines to submit to the regular mode of preparation. Later a brother of the Lodge to which he petitions objects to his initiation. Should the fees be returned? We have two sections of law covering this query and when put as one question, they are in conflict, viz: When a petitioner refuses to be prepared the fees should not be returned. When a petitioner is objected to, the fees should be returned. In this case all the petitioner knows is that he refused to be prepared. Therefore my ruling is that the fees should be retained, according to the law. If afterwards he decides to present himself for preparation, and the objection is not withdrawn, the fees should be returned, complying with our law also.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that no one should be exempt from the payment of Lodge dues except those who are unable to pay.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$26,307.98.

Fraternal greetings by wire were interchanged between the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Iowa.

The sum of \$12,757.46 received from the Kent Insurance Fund was transferred to the Nebraska Masonic Home.

A program was adopted for the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, September 23 and 24, and the sum of \$3,500 was appropriated for the purpose.

The attention of the Grand Lodge being called to the serious illness of Past Grand Master George W. Lininger, Brother George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, knelt at the altar and offered up a fervent prayer for the recovery of the well-beloved brother.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report by Brother Charles J. Phelps is a carefully prepared document. Of Grand Master Meyerhardt's address, he says:

From a scene on the Day of Atonement, at the Temple in the City of Jerusalem, which he paints in words glowing with fervid eloquence, the Grand Master draws a parallel with gathering of his brethren in Grand Lodge assembled.

Most Worshipful Oman J. King, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1907.

Forty-third Annual.

June 11.

RENO.

Present: Most Worshipful Walter J. Harris, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fourteen Lodges.

The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Grand Master Walter J. Harris.

The Grand Master reported the constituent Lodges as prosperous, with harmony prevailing among the members.

Two corner-stones were laid: of the new City Hall at Reno, and of the Episcopal Church at Battle Mountain.

No decisions are recorded.

Net gain in membership during the year, 128.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$1,832.35.

Grand Orator Samuel Unsworth delivered a short address, which appears in the Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition.

Telegrams of fraternal greeting were interchanged between the Grand Lodges of Washington and Nevada.

Total membership, 1,241.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother A. L. Fitzgerald succeeds Brother Vanderleith as Reporter for Nevada this year. He does so, according to his confession, with reluctance, but he makes a creditable report full of good suggestions.

He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt with having made a splendid address.

He has a good word for this writer, and quotes liberally from remarks made by him under Maryland, no review having been made of Nevada from lack of Proceedings.

In his conclusion, he says :

The tour of the Masonic world has been made. We started late; traveled with speed; and returned in haste. We stopped at many ports, and at each had a brief though pleasant stay, and of each we retain very pleasant memories.

Most Worshipful Robert Lewers, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful C. N. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1907.

Fortieth Annual.

August 27.

ST. JOHN.

Present: Most Worshipful J. Edwin Everett, Grand Master; four Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-three Lodges.

The Grand Master delivered a message of pleasing tidings. The condition of the Craft throughout New Brunswick was in a healthy and prosperous condition; peace, harmony, and brotherly love continued to prevail in all the Lodges; at no time had the Grand Lodge been in a better condition, or had as large a membership.

Many pleasant and profitable official visitations were made.

Net increase in membership, 136.

Thirty-six special dispensations were issued: to confer degrees at short intervals; to install officers at Emergent meetings; to inter with Masonic ceremonies; to wear regalia at Divine service; to wear regalia at fiftieth anniversary.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,544.77.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The following motion was lost:

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that no one should be a member of a Chapter or Encampment who is not a member in good standing in a Blue Lodge, and that this Grand Lodge memorialize the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and the Great Priory of Canada to have such a regulation carried into effect in their respective Bodies.

If New Brunswick does not already have such a regulation as the motion calls for, it is behind the Grand Lodges of the United States in that respect.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The committee was given further time on the application of the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Chili, and the Grand Orient of Paraguay.

Most Worshipful John S. D. Chipman, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. Twining Hart, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1907.

One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual.

May 15.

CONCORD.

An attractive portrait of Past Grand Master Chares C. Hayes occupies the initial page.

Two Special Communications were held: at East Gaffrey, to celebrate the One Hundreth Anniversary of Charity Lodge; at Newport, to attend the funeral services of Brother Albert S. Wait, a prominent Mason, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence since 1878. A glowing eulogy on his character, as a "gentleman of the old school all too rapidly passing away," was pronounced by the Grand Master.

A Semi-Annual Communication was held at Manchester, to exemplify the work.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful William A. Plummer, Grand Master; thirteen Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of fifty-one Lodges, and Brother Charles C. Hayes, the Representative of Georgia.

The annual address of Grand Master Plummer thus begins:

Time in her swift flight has sped past us, and we are again met in annual communication, a congenial assemblage of men, linked together by common and sacred ties, with interests dear alike to all, "in an Order that is meant to make men better, earth brighter and Heaven dearer."

I welcome you to this communication and extend to you a most cordial and fraternal greeting, and may a spirit of harmony and helpfulness prevail among us, and may we be led to do those things that shall redound to the honor and glory of our venerable institution.

He calls attention to the Masonic Home:

The Masonic Home is doing a splendid work and is worthy of our loyal support, but I believe that one matter in connection with the Masonic Home demands the careful attention and consideration of every Mason in our State, and that is this: There is a great and crying demand for a hospital in connection with the Masonic Home, where worthy Masons that are sick and helpless can be cured for. At present there are no facilities at the Home for caring for sick Masons, but the demand for such facilities is very great.

Among the decisions, we note this one:

Question.—Is a man considered in his dotage after seventy years of age, no matter if he is well physically and sound of mind?

Answer.—When a man is in his dotage is entirely a question of fact; some men are in their dotage at fifty, others are not at ninety, and I do not know of any rule that makes a man in his dotage Masonically at seventy, any more than in any other relation of life.

It is for the Investigating Committee to investigate the matter carefully, and if they find the candidate is in his dotage, as a matter of fact, then he would not be eligible for the degrees; if they find, as a fact, that he is not in his dotage, then, so far as this matter is concerned, he would be eligible.

The Grand Master concluded his address with a stirring exhortation:

May we live and achieve according to our light. May the beautiful teachings of Masonry sink into our souls, and take hold of our lives; and make us good men, and pure and upright citizens, exhibiting in our daily lives the high and noble principles of our Order, thus we will accomplish

the great object of our Association and preserve Masonry for our successors pure and unsullied.

When the Athenians became citizens, Solon prescribed for them the following oath: "I will transmit my fatherland not only not less but greater and better than it was transmitted to me." So let us all today register a silent vow that we will transmit Masonry not only not less but greater than it was transmitted to us.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

At noon the Grand Master announced that a luncheon had been provided for 300, and all present were invited to attend.

The Grand Secretary reports total membership, 9,737.

Net gain in membership, forty-two.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Harry M. Cheney, who succeeded Brother Wait as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, began his report with a well deserved tribute to his predecessor, of whom he said:

"There is not one in our ten thousand membership who can be convinced that he can approximate that which Brother Wait did."

Brother Cheney makes an interesting report covering the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, including Georgia for 1906. He says:

In Georgia, as elsewhere, good Masons persist in the display of inexcusable ignorance. The "why" of it is not discoverable unless it be in the feeling that a Grand Master knows it all and that no one else knows anything. Grand Masters will be greatly relieved when it is found that there are others who know just a little, and that a good rule to follow is never to make an appeal to a Grand Master unless forced to do so as a last resort. Doubt may be settled by the study of law and precedence, always at the command of Lodges and Masters. Common sense is a splendid cure for this prevailing disease. One application will bring permanent relief. Try it.

Commenting on our declaration under Alabama, "In truth mental incapacity is worse than physical disability," he says:

You may reflect a long time to state the above better or more tersely. Personally we are not an extremist in the matter of physical qualifications, only so far as seems to us a reasonable extent, but when you come to the mental requirements we are willing to line up with our Georgia brother and stay with him.

The report throughout is most interesting, vigorous and uplifting.

Brother Cheney's report needs no apology, as he seems to think. It fully meets the requirements.

Most Worshipful William M. Plummer, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frank D. Woodbury, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—1908.

One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual.

April 22.

TRENTON.

A fine portrait of Grand Master Austin H. McGregor adorns the Proceedings.

Five Emergent Communications were held: at East Orange, to constitute Ophir Lodge; at Penn's Grove, to lay the corner-stone of the First Baptist Church; at Long Branch, to lay the corner-stone of the Garfield monument; at Somerville, to lay the corner-stone of the Somerset County Court House; at Hackensack, to attend the funeral of Grand Pursuivant Clark A. Heydon, Jr.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Austin H. McGregor, Grand Master,; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 172 Lodges.

Brother William D. Rutan, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

This was the opening ode:

Tune—"Old Hundred."

Genius of Masonry descend,
In mystic numbers while we sing,
Enlarge our souls, the Craft defend,
And hither all thy influence bring.

Oh may our voice to Friendship move,
Be virtue ours in all its parts,
Let Justice, Harmony and Love,
Come and possess our faithful hearts.

Distinguished visitors present:

Brother Edward E. Fuller, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; Most Worshipful Brother John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; Most Worshipful Brother Thomas J. Day, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and Worshipful Brother T. Stewart Brown, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who were escorted to the Grand East and received with the Grand Honors.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's inspiring address, we quote:

I am glad to say that the affairs of the Craft during the year have been carried on with that harmony, system, accuracy and enthusiasm which we rightfully expect and which has made Masonry, in all ages and wherever found, the pattern fraternity of the world. New Jersey prides herself on holding fast to the ancient traditions and most rigid interpretation of the ritual of our Fraternity, and has thereby won first place in the admiration and confidence of Freemasons throughout the land. It is to be hoped that in future years there will be no departure from the sound practice that has strengthened us at home and commended us abroad. I have often wondered, as from year to year we have met in this historic city of Trenton, whether we fully appreciated this privilege and adequately responded to the inspirations of the place. Here it was, my brethren, that the battle was fought which turned the Revolutionary War from a retreat and rout into an advance and mighty victory. It was our beloved and immortal brother, George Washington, aided by his Masonic Generals, who here, on Christmas Day, 1776, won the memorable battle and sent the Masonic principle of liberty on its career across the centuries with flying banners. To the mind of a Mason we owe the most beautiful flag ever unfurled beneath God's approving sky; largely to the wisdom and loyalty of Masons we owe the first real Republic the world has ever known; and all down the years the members of our Ancient and Honorable Craft have stood hard by the rudder of this good ship of State and steered it away from the rocks of disaster and kept it on its prosperous way.

Three new Lodges were created by dispensation, and one was constituted.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$29,354.33.

Total membership, 28,475.

Net gain in membership, 1,880.

A favorable report was made on the Masonic Home. Of the inmates, thirty-nine were men; seventeen, women; and eighteen, children. Christmas contributions amounted to \$914.40.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.

The Committee on Ritual reported:

The attention of your committee having been called to the Past Master's degree have, upon careful search, found no authority for its existence as a degree in ancient craft Masonry, and would respectfully recommend its abolition as such, and the substitution of a form to be used

in open Lodge, with the exception of those matters which pertain particularly to Past Masters.

It has been astonishing to us that some Jurisdictions have taken so long to find out that the so-called Past Masters' degree constitutes no part of Ancient Craft Masonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Robt. A. Shirrefs presents another of his able reports, covering the Proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including Georgia for 1907. The salient points of Georgia Masonic History for 1907 are given in good shape. He says:

A portrait of the new Grand Master, Thomas H. Jeffries, appears, and Georgia is congratulated upon its choice of such a good looking and impressive frontispiece.

As our remarks upon the Grand Lodge Swiss Alpina seems to have made no impression upon Brother Shirrefs, we next cite him to Æsop's fable of the "Geese and the Cranes."

Most Worshipful William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Benj. F. Wakefield, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO—1907.

Thirtieth Annual.

October 21.

CARLSBAD.

Present: Most Worshipful A. N. Pratt, Grand Master; the Representatives of twenty-four Lodges, and twenty-one Past Grand Masters.

Four Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones: at Alamogordo, of the American Co-Operative Sanitorium; at Clayton, of the Methodist Church; at Las Cruces, of the Young Men's Christian Association building; at Roswell, of the First Baptist Church.

In behalf of the Lodges of the Pecos Valley, the Grand Master extended a cordial welcome to the Grand Lodge.

Ten dispensations were issued. Three were refused: for a Lodge to allow the Merchants' Association to occupy their hall; to allow joint occupancy with the Woodman of the

World; to allow a second ballot on a candidate who had been rejected.

We reproduce the last one of the eighteen decisions rendered:

13. Question.—Is there any law forbidding the receiving of an application from an applicant engaged in the liquor business, or is it optional with the Lodges?

Answer.—There is no law forbidding it, but I wish to refer you to a decision of 1902 and report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address, which reads as follows: "We consider it highly important that the Lodges should be very careful in the choice of material, and it is our opinion that generally speaking persons connected in any way with the liquor business are undesirable material for our subordinate Lodges." Brethren, permit me to say that in my opinion persons who engage in the saloon business after having joined our Lodges are undesirable members. The environment of a saloon is not that which our organization can commend, and in my opinion it is time that there should be no question that a man engaged in the saloon business should not have membership in our Lodges.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Action on the request of the Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition was postponed on the ground that the new Grand Lodge did not have a majority of the Lodges in the Colony.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,874.

Total membership, 1,822.

Net gain in membership, 193.

The Committee on Grand Master's address decided there was no law in New Mexico, whereby Lodges throughout that Jurisdiction should be notified of the rejection of a petitioner for affiliation.

A recommendation by the Grand Master that the annual election of officers in subordinate Lodges should take place at the first regular communication in December, was not approved.

The sum of \$750 was transferred from the General Fund to the Charity Fund.

A suitable jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, Brother A. N. Pratt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother James H. Wroth presents an interesting review of sixty-four Grand Lodges.

Georgia receives courteous attention and the important points in Georgia Masonic history for one year are brought out in attractive style.

He quotes our conclusion, but says he does not agree with all of it.

We now quote his conclusion with this difference that we fully endorse what he says:

This craze for legislating on every topic under the sun has led many Jurisdictions into anomolous positions from which we fear they can extricate themselves only with difficulty, and probably by taking a back track.

It is needless to call attention to the fact that Masonry has increased within the past year. There seems to have been an excessive enlargement of membership, but with this permit me to call a note of warning—there is no Masonry except the three primeval degrees—all the rest is simply additional modifications or enlargements upon the ideas promulgated and expressed in Ancient Craft Masonry.

Most Worshipful James W. Wilson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Total number of Lodges, 209.

Total membership, 11,788.

Increase in membership, 647.

Grand Lodge Fund, \$23,330.

Benevolent Fund, \$65,420.

Freemasons' Orphan Society, \$138,885.

The Territory is divided into Metropolitan and twenty-three Country Districts.

Special Communication at Sydney, June 26, 1906.

Grand Master Sir Harry Rawson being elected for the second time, and having already been obligated, was proclaimed as such for the ensuing year by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The following anthem was sung:

Lord, our Grand Master bless
With health and happiness.

So mote it be!

May he our laws defend,
Our power for good extend,
Our Master, Guide and Friend!

So mote it be!

May wisdom from on high
Bind fast our mystic tie!

So mote it be!

May we united stand,
And join throughout the land,
With apron, heart and hand!

So mote it be!

The Grand Master appealed to the brethren to help the
Freemason's Benevolent Institution Ball.

Brother Edward Scholes was the Representative of
Georgia.

Quarterly Communication, September 12, 1906.

A message of sympathy for the death of Past Grand
Master Richard Seddon was cabled to the Grand Lodge of
New Zealand.

The sum of \$850 was contributed to the different hospitals.
Balance and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$84,990.

Quarterly Communication, December 12, 1906.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

A motion was made to rescind the action of the Grand
Lodge in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Mo-
tion was lost.

Quarterly Communication, March 13, 1907.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge
Valle de Mexico.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting report is made by Brother T. L. Row-
botham. We regret to say that Georgia finds no place in
the review.

Most Worshipful Lord Rawson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Arthur H. Bray, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1908.

One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual.

May 5.

NEW YORK.

Present: Most Worshipful Townsend Scudder, Grand Master; seven Past Grand Masters, twelve Grand Chaplains, fifteen Grand Stewards, the Representatives of 776 Lodges, and Brother Seymour H. Durkee, the Representative of Georgia.

The address of the Grand Master is replete with wise thoughts expressed in forcible and elegant language. This from his exordium:

We mark that the proudest monuments of art have crumbled into ruins; revolutions have succeeded revolutions; countries have been devastated by fire and sword; thrones have been prostrated; kingdoms overthrown; and empires blotted from the map of nations; yet the lights of Freemasonry have continued to burn and to serve as beacons to its brethren amid the universal gloom and darkness that surrounded them.

We mark that wherever a civilized community exists, there Freemasonry is to be found, shedding its benign influence and scattering its moral precepts, calling into action the intellectual powers of man, and teaching him his dependence on God and his duty toward his fellows.

While Freemasonry strengthens the bonds of social affection among its members, it is not calculated to diminish our obligations to society. By it we are taught industry and perseverance, charity and benevolence, and the exercise of these virtues leading us to moral excellence will also mark our usefulness in the Craft.

Industry and perseverance, coupled with charity and benevolence, are the Alpha and Omega of our Brotherhood. It is an inexorable law as applicable to us as to individual men that through present worth and present activity alone we may hope to maintain the respect of mankind. Our mission is a glorious one, and if the opportunities of the present are wisely grasped and improved, we shall in our day and generation add materially to the advancement of the Craft and the accomplishment of its wise and beneficent purposes.

Thirty-eight special dispensations were issued.

Five new Lodges were created under dispensation.

Under the head of "Clandestine Masonry," the Grand Master says:

I would, however, be remiss did I not warn the Craft that many have been deceived by the pretences of these clandestine bodies, and that now and then one of their members seeks admission to our Lodges. It therefore behooves us to be vigilant in the admission of strangers. As

the ringleaders of these clandestine movements now operate, their enterprise must, it would seem, return a fair profit. The general scheme is about as follows: A hall is hired and notices are sent out broadcast that a new Lodge, the name of which is given, is to be formed, that Grand Lodge officers are to be present at this particular hall at a certain time, and inviting all who may desire to become charter members thereof, etc., to present themselves. Five dollars is charged, not as an initiation fee, but as dues. Some certificate of membership is given, and a book purporting to contain the secrets of the Craft. The dupes are duly initiated, passed, and raised in one night, the doors of the hall are closed, and the alleged Lodge starts in business somewhere else. How profitable is the enterprise will be appreciated when it is recognized that twenty-five dollars may cover the outlay of a single evening, and that fifty applicants at five dollars apiece leave sufficient margin for a very comfortable profit on the night's work. The fraud perpetrated characterizes itself, and none but the very foolish would be misled by it, and only so far as it is fraudulent have we any concern therein. Nevertheless, we cannot be passive, lest there be imputed to us the sins and deceptions which are practiced by these men under the guise of Masonry.

Here is the history of a corner-stone:

In January last, while making excavations for the Subway in this city, there was unearthed by the men employed by Brother James Bradley, of Crescent Lodge, No. 402, and of the Bradley Construction Company, one hundred feet east of the Bowery, on Delancey street, and fifteen feet below the surface of the street, a corner-stone bearing inscriptions which identified it as the corner-stone of the first Masonic Hall erected in the City of New York.

The stone bears this inscription, which is fairly legible:

A. D. 1802.

A. L. 5802.

The Most Worshipful Jacob Mouton, being Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

The Right Worshipful and Hon. Edward Livingston, Mayor of the City of New York, Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Cadwallader D. Colden, Senior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful and Hon. Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Mayor of the City of Albany, Junior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful Daniel D. Tompkins, Esq., Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Robert Cocks, Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful and Rev. John Ireland, Grand Chaplain.

On the back of the stone are the names of the builders and the dates, October 13, 1802. 5802.

Assets of the Grand Lodge, \$3,208,891.02.

Gross income of Grand Lodge, \$293,818.68.

Total amount paid by the Lodges of the State to support the Home, \$464,944.66.

Of the one hundred and fifty-seven children in the Utica Home, fifteen were expelled. The Grand Master gives an example:

As an example of this mischief which baffled our resources, let me instance the case of three boys, aged respectively 11 years 7 months, 11 years 3 months, and 10 years 9 months, whose childish fancy, fired by stories of the West, impelled them one day to take several blankets, board a hand-car standing on the West Shore railroad tracks opposite the Home, and depart for the West to shoot bears and Indians.

The police were notified, these mighty hunters and warriors captured, returned to the Home, and, instead of being spanked and put to bed in the good old wholesome way, were solemnly expelled. What a picture! What a confession of failure on our part! The two older boys are now caring for themselves.

During the past year, a thorough search was instituted for the lost children of the Institution, and this is the result:

| GIRLS. | BOYS. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| One is married badly. | Seven are doing well. |
| Two are married happily. | Ten are making their way. |
| Five are doing fairly well. | Eighteen are not doing well. |
| Three are not doing well. | Two have gone to the bad. |
| Two have gone to the bad. | Ten have not yet been located. |
| Eight have not yet been located. | Four are dead. |
| One is dead. | Four are attending school. |

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 152,928.

Rev. George R. Van De Water preached an eloquent sermon from Psalm cxix, 73 and 75, and 5,000 copies were ordered printed and distributed. We make room for one extract:

And then, what to my mind is, I confess, the grandest influence upon the world of Masonry, is sufficiently indicated to thoughtful men, when I press to the fore the tremendous significance of this fact, and it is a fact, Masonry is the only order, society, institution or fellowship in the world today which offers a common platform of fellowship for men of different races and religions. We are men before we are churchmen. We are all sinners before any of us is a saint. God is the Father of all men. A Master Mason may be a Christian, a Jew or a Mohammedan. And I submit, that from all these fellowships, there is disclosed some potential element, which Almighty God will bless, and which some day will be made manifest in the construction of a new and a larger society, which will not be racial, may not be ecclesiastical, but is certain to be moral and genuinely human.

As an introduction to the new Constitution, this is the "Masonic Creed:"

There is one God and Father of all men.

The Holy Bible is a Divine Revelation, the Rule and Guide for faith and practice.

Man is immortal.

Character determines destiny.

Man's love of man is, next to love of God, man's first duty.

Prayer, communion of man with God, is helpful.

Past Grand Chaplain Clarence A. Barbour delivered an address by request. His subject was, "The Upright Man and Mason." The address was instructive, and it was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of Brother William Sherer takes up only 70 pages of the Proceedings in a review of English-speaking Grand Lodges. Georgia gets two pages, five-sixths of which is occupied by extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's annual address.

However, the Grand Lodge of the Empire State is rich and generous, and Brother Sherer receives \$600 for writing the report.

Most Worshipful S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND—1907.

Eighteenth Annual.

May 8.

INNERCARGILL.

Most Worshipful Lord Plunkett, Grand Master, was present. The Lodges were well represented.

A fine portrait of Lord Plunket, clothed in the regalia of his high office, graces the Proceedings.

In opening the Grand Lodge, the Grand officers marched in procession, and took their places.

Brother Plunket was re-elected Grand Master by acclamation, and he thus responded to the honor:

I do not propose, at a meeting such as this, where there are very important business matters to be discussed within a very limited time, to say more than that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have done me in re-electing me to this chair. I am conscious

of many things ill done and of many things left undone, but since you have forgiven me for those, I can only strive to the best of my ability and the best of the time available to me, to do more in your service in the ensuing year.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Four new Lodges were created during the year.

A report from the Board of General Purposes concerning the dispute with the Grand Lodge of Scotland as to territorial jurisdiction, shows that very little was accomplished.

The Grand Officers were installed at Victoria Hall amid much pomp and ceremony with music and speeches from the Grand Master and others. As a climax to the evening's entertainment, the brethren enjoyed an elaborate supper furnished by the Southland Lodges.

Assets of Grand Lodge, \$62,000.

Most Worshipful Lord Plunket, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Malcom Nicool, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA—1908.

One hundred and Twenty-first Annual.

January 14.

RALEIGH.

Present: Most Worshipful Francis D. Winston, Grand Master; ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 224 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Grand Master Samuel M. Gattis.

Grand Master Winston thus begins his address:

For the one hundred and twenty-first time in the history of Masonry in North Carolina, the Grand Lodge convenes in Annual Communication. I esteem it an honor to greet this representation of our Fraternity. Time's cycle has added another step in our onward march towards a perfect manhood. We do well, if we can truthfully declare that we stand in a clearer atmosphere of right living and noble purpose.

This Grand Lodge was formed before North Carolina entered the union of States. Many of the great sons of the State, who were its leaders in debate, in Congress and in battle, were Masons. They applied the principles of our Fraternity in the formation of our government. American independence was born in the effort to establish the brother-

hood of man. In that hour the principles of Masonry took root the world over, and they have since become the inheritance of society.

To help the helpless, to raise the fallen, to give to all human beings an equal chance in life, to instruct the ignorant, and especially to train up children and provide for widows and orphans, these cardinal principles of our Fraternity, limited as they were at first in their application, have by their excellence and ability commended themselves to the approbation and acceptance of mankind.

The growth in the Jurisdiction had been steady and rapid, the membership exceeding 18,000; new Lodges had been constituted; the work of the Fraternity was in excellent condition; most of the Lodges being active and alive.

He wisely says of dispensations:

I warn the Fraternity against the growing evil of asking for dispensations. They are asked for in every conceivable case. I have invariably refused to grant dispensations where the Masonic law is prohibitory, and have but seldom granted them where the law invites or permits. "The Grand Master is supreme" is an idea held in reverence by me, but the supremacy of the Grand Master and the good of the Craft can be maintained best by acting within constitutional limits. A strict enforcement of the law which your wisdom writes, is best for Masonry.

We quote some decisions:

2. "Does the Worshipful Master have the right to vote on the application for membership?"

Answer.—Yes it is his right and his duty to vote. It is the duty of all brethren present to vote on all applications unless excused by the Lodge.

3. The Master of a Lodge has no right to lecture the member of the Lodge who votes against a petition for degree. It is highly improper for him to do so. Each ballot is sacred. It is not proper to question the vote of any brother.

4. We have an application from a man not 21 years old. Can we receive it just one month before he comes of age and act on it when he does become 21 years of age.

Answer.—No, every petitioner must state in his application that he is 21 years of age.

No. 3 is eminently correct.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$13,369.63.

Five Lodges were established under dispensation, three were continued under dispensation, and one defunct Lodge was revived.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows net gain in membership, 1,173. Since 1895 the increase in receipts has

been nearly 300 per centum. The increase in membership has been nearly 100 per centum.

A favorable report was made on the Oxford Orphan Asylum:

Thirty-seven girls are now appointed to training and service in the kitchen and dining rooms, forty-nine in the sewing rooms, twelve in the laundry, three in the hospital and eleven in the offices and school rooms.

The household duties of their cottages are taught both girls and boys.

Forty boys are appointed to the farm, eight to the dairy, eleven to the wood-working shop, eight to the printing office, eight to the shoe shop, ten to the Oxford Furniture Factory and four to the offices.

The girls' industrial work is, as a rule, changed more frequently than is that of the boys.

The children, quite a large number, too small to be assigned to any of the industrial departments, attend school at both morning and afternoon sessions. Each child is, during the term of about nine months, regularly in school either at the morning or afternoon session.

On roll 1907 were 163 girls and 154 boys.

The sum of \$3,000 was appropriated to the Institution.

A committee appointed on resolution to employ a capable man to devote his time to the superintendence of Masonry reported unfavorably.

By resolution, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was called upon to give a reason at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge why the petition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico should not be recognized.

Grand Orator Fabius H. Busbee, made an address, instructive, forcible, and eloquent. Here is an extract:

This is the lesson and the only lesson I shall attempt to draw tonight from Masonic teachings. The law of love is not susceptible of exact demonstration, but it is as binding upon God and man as the immutable laws of truth or of justice. I have small patience with the brother who is continually boasting, either openly or by implication, of his own love of truth and candor, and plain speaking, whose eyes are blinded to the fact that love is as true as justice. The sacred name of truth has been too often taken in vain in an attempt to justify the un-Masonic habit of rudeness of speech, a want of gentleness and courtesy, of which a brother is sometimes foolishly proud as an evidence of his candor. This is more frequently an evidence of a want of good manners than of a devotion to truth, for, truth is oftener found in unison with sweetness and courtesy, than it is with rudeness.

Several Special Communications were held: at Kinston, to lay the corner-stone of the Graded School building; at

Oxford, to celebrate St. John's Day; at Mooresville, to lay the corner-stone of the Graded School building; at Salisbury, to perform the funeral rites over the body of Brother B. W. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer; at Wallace, to lay the corner-stone of the Baptist Church; at Mooresville, to lay the corner-stone of the Methodist Church; at Raleigh, to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple. This was a very important occasion. About 1,500 Master Masons were in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Jno. A. Collins makes his twelfth report containing 121 pages and covering the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges.

He thus introduces his excellent review :

Harmony and prosperity have attended the Fraternity in a marked degree during the past year, and its organized charities continue to be increased in numbers, and enlarged in the scope of their usefulness. Homes for indigent Masons, and orphanages for the fatherless have been erected and abundantly provided for. The erection of handsome and costly Masonic Temples is reported in almost every Grand Jurisdiction, and gives evidence of the rapid increase in wealth in almost every Jurisdiction throughout the world; and it is gratifying in this connection to state that North Carolina is keeping step with her sisters, and that she will in a short time be able to present a stately Temple, of which the Masons of her obedience need not be ashamed.

Under Georgia, for 1906, he says :

This volume is printed beautifully on the best quality of paper, and is adorned with the portraits of Past Grand Masters David E. Butler and Samuel E. Irwin, the latter in Grand Master's regalia.

The address of Grand Master Max Meyerhardt is of a kind with his formal messages, full of rhetoric and poetry. These extracts from the address will show that the Georgia Craft is highly prosperous :

He then proceeds to quote liberally from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

He thinks the committees of our Grand Lodge are of generous proportions.

Most Worshipful Samuel M. Gattis, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA—1907.

Eighteenth Annual.

June 25.

GRAND FORKS.

Present: Most Worshipful Grant S. Hager, Grand Master; and the Representatives of seventy-five Lodges.

A portrait of Grand Master Hager appears on the first page. In the body of the Proceedings are found other attractive pictures: Officers of the Grand Lodge in front of Masonic Temple, Grand Forks; entire membership of the Grand Lodge; the new Masonic Temple at Edgely.

Two Lodges were constituted and five more were created by dispensation.

The Grand Master had issued a dispensation to Tucson Lodge, located at Bottineau, to hold an open air communication on Park Island in Lake Metigoshe, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Master Mason on a class of candidates.

A report from the presiding officer on that occasion showed that the approach of all eavesdroppers was prevented, and the whole thing was a decided success.

No decisions are recorded.

Balance on hand and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$17,-964.00.

The Committee on Masonic Home Fund reported as follows:

First, it is the sense of your committee that a further effort should be made to create a fund for the establishment of a Masonic Home in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Second, in our judgment the establishment of such a Home must necessarily be in the distant future, but our good will and charitable intention can be shown by a reasonable provision therefor.

Your committee would therefore recommend that twenty-five per cent. of the net annual surplus of the receipts of this Grand Lodge, over expenditures, be transferred annually to the fund known as the Masonic Home fund, in addition to moneys already appropriated for that purpose.

The Finance Committee reported adversely on the recommendation of the Grand Master to reduce Grand Lodge dues.

Grand Orator Walter L. Stockwell made an excellent address with "Truth, Honor, and Fortitude" as the text. Here is an extract:

There is a supreme call, to-day, for men to live the truth, and why should not we, who have the life and death of the Master Builder to stimulate us, show forth in our lives the divine attribute of Truth? There is too much that is false and untrue, and there is no room in the Masonic Fraternity for men who do not hold aloft, in the Lodge and before the world, the banner of Truth.

The most priceless thing in this world, to any man, should be his honor. What nobler tribute than the expression, "He was the soul of honor?" Our Masonic exemplar declined to violate his vow or betray his trust; it mattered little to him that he must pay with his very life for thus refusing to impart to those unworthy, the Masonic secret. Life was indeed a trifle, when compared to a sacrifice of honor.

Most Worshipful John Riessbeck, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA—1907.

Forty-second Annual.

June 12.

HALIFAX.

Finely executed portraits of Grand Master Charles R. Smith, K. C., and Deputy Grand Master Charles E. Putner, P. H. D., formed the frontispiece of the volume.

A Special Communication was held at Halifax for the purpose of opening the Masonic Fair for the benefit of the Masonic Home. The Fair was a magnificent success, the large building being filled with a vast concourse of people. The net receipts were \$17,406.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Charles R. Smith, Grand Master; five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-six Lodges. Brother Robt. J. Wilson, the Representative of Georgia, answered at roll call.

According to custom, the Grand Lodge formed in procession, headed by the excellent band of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and marched to St. Paul's Church, where an instructive discourse was delivered by Grand Chaplain Rev. George C. Wallis, from the text, "Love the Brotherhood."

From the forcible address of the Grand Master we quote:

Brethren, this age of ours travels very fast. Today is not yesterday. It differs from it by a world's revolution. It utters truths, presents problems, Masonic and otherwise, which yesterday did not dream of, and

which her boldest prophets could not foresee. The present makes deeds, makes and matures plans which yesterday were not conceived, gives inspiration which yesterday were proclaimed only madness and produces new light which yesterday's horizon failed to reveal. We live in an age of rapid thought and quick action. So rapid is the mind that some claim in the rapidity of it we have almost lost the power of thought, or at least thinking intelligently. It is an age of constant and fierce struggle; no quarter is asked; none is given. And further, even in this Dominion of ours, it is an age of cosmopolitanism—today the races mingle, national barriers are broken and lowered, national ideas yield to the broader sympathies and national policies give way to the world's new accounts. Such is the age in which we live and in which we meet together today. But notwithstanding the rapidity of thought and action; notwithstanding the fierce struggle for place and power going on around us and the cosmopolitan age in which we live, Freemasonry holds its own, and makes for good.

Fifty-eight special dispensations were issued for various purposes. At the same time, the Grand Master entered his protest against the necessity of issuing so many dispensations.

Here is one of the decisions rendered:

1. In one case a candidate applied for admission, and in his application stated he had never been rejected for membership in any Lodge. It having been subsequently learned that this statement, whether made innocently or otherwise, was incorrect, the investigating committee, very properly, I think, did not report, and the question was asked, "What was to be done with the application?" I decided that the application was not an irregularity which could be cured but, containing as it did an incorrect statement on a most material point, was a nullity and I directed that it should be returned to the applicant.

Some years ago a number of brethren in a Lodge were made honorary members and as such exempt from Lodge dues. It was afterwards decided that these members must pay the Grand Lodge tax. The matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Master. He decided that having been made honorary members, they were not subject to dues, but, at the same time, he expressed his disapproval of the practice:

Unless for some exceptionally good, Masonic reason, I am not at all in love with this modern idea of making "honorary members" and express the hope that Lodges will not confer such a distinction unless it be to brethren of superior talents or merits who have been of great service to their Lodges or to the Craft by their labors, or their works, and not, as may sometimes happen, simply as a relief from the payment of Lodge dues.

Thus he concludes his address:

In now drawing my address to a close I am pleased to report a continuance of the very cordial relations which exist between this Grand Lodge and the other Grand bodies with which we hold fraternal intercourse. And just here let me remark that this Grand Lodge has nothing to do with and does not even recognize the so-called Grand Orient of France, as at present constituted, as belonging to the "Family of Masons." I make this observation, in passing, to correct and refute an unfounded impression, not largely, but in some quarters entertained.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total membership of 5,020; net increase, 305.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$8,782.60.

Deposited in bank to the credit of the Home for Aged Masons' Fund, \$21,128.12.

At the evening session, Lieutenant-Governor D. C. Fraser and Judge J. W. Longley were announced, and invited to seats in the Grand East.

Right Worshipful Brother J. Murray Lawson read an interesting paper on the "Legend of the Third Degree," which was greatly enjoyed.

The sum of \$100 was donated to the Masons of Kingston, the only Masonic Hall in the Island of Jamaica having been destroyed by an earthquake.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Thomas Mowbray presents a carefully prepared report, covering the Proceedings of sixty-four Grand Bodies. A courteous review of three pages is devoted to Georgia affairs.

He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt, and quotes largely from his address.

Commenting on Grand Master Meyerhardt's report on the condition of the Craft, he says:

Happy Georgia! Would that some other Grand Lodges we know of were in like condition.

He closes his review of Georgia with a good word for the writer, which is duly appreciated.

Most Worshipful Charles R. Smith, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Thomas Mowbray, Grand Secretary.

OHIO—1907.

Ninety-eighth Annual.

October 16.

CANTON.

Present: Most Worshipful Horace A. Irvin, Grand Master; sixteen Past Grand Masters and a constitutional number of Representatives.

The frontispiece is a fine picture of Grand Master Horace A. Irvin.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by Brother A. R. Turnbull, Mayor of the City of Canton, to which brief response was made by the Grand Master.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's interesting address, we quote:

When this Grand Lodge was formed a hundred years ago by the Honorable Lewis Cass and his faithful colleagues, far-sightedness was the most necessary qualification in the administration of its affairs; their own immediate concerns were few, and they seem to have been seized with the conviction that it was for them and their successors to consider and plan for the growth and future needs of this great Fraternity in the State of Ohio.

By their unwavering constancy of purpose and unfaltering faith in the destiny of Masonry in this State, they have bequeathed to us a Grand Body that commands the respect of the whole Masonic world. It is now for us to administer wisely our inheritance of this large, well-planned, systematic, well-developed and well-organized institution. With hearts full of gratitude for the countless blessings of the years that have passed we have come again to consult and plan for the administration of this great trust, and we most earnestly implore the Supreme Grand Master of the Celestial Lodge Above to guide us in the deliberations of this present Communication.

He thinks we pay too little attention to the quality of the members, who receive admission into our Lodges:

Brethren, we are making too many Masons. Many of our Lodges, especially our city Lodges, are *too large*. There can be no spirit of Fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance or close personal contact. There is no Masonry where there is no Fraternity. I would rather belong to a small Lodge, doing a limited amount of work each year, where all remembered and practiced the five points of fellowship, than belong to a Lodge of from five hundred to a thousand members, every one of whom were students of Masonic Philosophy, but too engrossed in the study of it to remember the meeting night of their Lodge or the names of its officers. More Fraternity and less ancient history; more knocks at the homes of your less fortunate brethren and fewer knocks at the doors of your preparation rooms, will promote the healthiest kind of

growth in our Lodges and the fullest realization of the high ideals of Masonry.

Ohio has been more greatly disturbed by Cerneanism than any other Grand Lodge. On a question of property rights, the matter was carried to the courts. The supreme Court affirming the judgment of the Circuit Court, decided that the seceding members had no standing in court, and, in effect, that it was no Masonic body at all, and had no right whatever to the property in litigation. This decision will be of great benefit to lawful Masonry in Ohio.

Eighty-six special dispensations were issued for sundry purposes. Some were refused, as will be seen by the following from the Grand Master's address:

I have declined all requests for special dispensations to hurry the work, to confer more than one degree on the same candidate at one meeting, to ballot at special meetings, to accept petitions from persons physically disqualified, to solicit aid from our membership or from Lodges or to occupy indefinitely—for the purpose of saving expense—halls of other societies, or to permit societies, other than those enumerated in Section 79 of the Code, to occupy our Lodge-rooms, except temporarily and in cases of emergency.

Four new Lodges were created by dispensation.

Two Lodges were constituted, six corner-stones were laid, and nine Lodge halls were dedicated.

We reproduce two decisions:

A.—Charges were preferred against Brother —— in Lodge —— for un-Masonic conduct—"trafficking in intoxicating liquors to be drank where sold."

Brother —— appears in answer to the summons, admits the charge, but claims immunity from punishment because he acted as an employee and was not financially interested in the business.

Held: Resolution No. 27 of the Grand Lodge does not and was not intended to discriminate between trafficking as proprietor in intoxicating liquors to be drank where sold and trafficking as employee in intoxicating liquors to be drank where sold, and that any Mason who sells and dispenses intoxicating liquors to be drank where sold, either as proprietor or employee, is chargeable with un-Masonic conduct and subject to Masonic discipline.

F.—On June 18th, —— Lodge received three petitions and referred same to Investigating Committees. On July 2d, these Committees reported favorably, the ballot was passed, found clear in each case, and the Worshipful Master declared the candidates elected.

Just before the Lodge was closed, a brother asked to have the ballot-

box examined. The Worshipful Master did as requested and found all the cubes or black balls glued to the bottom of the ballot-box, whereupon he declared the previous ballot illegal, ordered another ballot, which resulted in the rejection of one of the candidates, and it was so declared.

This ruling was objected to by a Past Master, and the Secretary was instructed to apply to the Grand Master for a ruling on the question.

Held.—That the Master of the Lodge did right in declaring the first ballot illegal and ordering another ballot. The ballot is secret and sacred, and each brother is entitled to vote, and any ballot taken in which he is denied this privilege or in any way hindered or obstructed in the exercise of it is illegal.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$53,790.62.

Total membership, 68,670.

Net gain in membership, 3,574.

Net excess of income over expense, \$15,022.71.

The Committee on Necrology paid tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Charles A. Woodward who served faithfully and well during his long career as a Mason.

This from a report on the Masonic Home:

Every Mason who has seen the buildings and grounds, and the improvements made during the past year, will recognize that the Home has developed into the most beautiful institution ever provided, or even contemplated, for the care of those who may become the wards of any Fraternal organization. Only seventeen years have passed since this noble work was undertaken, much has been accomplished, and every Mason is entitled to great credit for the interest he has, or may take, in the success of this noble charity.

The members of the Eastern Star, in connection with the Home, erected and furnished a beautiful hospital building for the use of those, who were seriously ill.

Telegrams of fraternal regard were interchanged between the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Kentucky. Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother W. M. Cunningham introduces his able report by an interesting discussion of Symbolic Masonry. It makes fine reading, and if we had the time and space, we would like to furnish our readers with the whole thing.

Georgia receives a courteous review of four and one-half

He says the address of Grand Master Max Meyerhardt is "a thoughtful and interesting presentation of the official affairs pertaining to his high office."

He quotes with approval some opinions of this writer.

He concludes his report with a poem from Robert Paine Hudson:

"The gates of Heaven are wide open now,
Forever are open wide;
Then why don't men rush in? Because
They would rather remain outside.

"For he who would enter that heavenly land,
And live in that atmosphere,
Must have in his soul that heavenly life,
And the garments of angels wear.

"So man in this world and the world to come
Follows after his like and love,
Which lead him on to the Hells below
Or up to the Heavens above.

"Then let us put off this life of self
And prepare for the life to come;
A life of faith and of charity here
Will give us a heavenly home."

Most Worshipful George D. Copeland, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

OREGON—1907.

Fifty-seventh Annual.

June 12.

PORTLAND.

Present: Most Worshipful W. T. Williamson, Grand Master; seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 102 Lodges.

Brother William Armstrong, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

A portrait and biography of Grand Master Williamson appear in the Proceedings.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's address we quote:

Nor is it to learn if the scroll of Masonry has been unfolded in 1906-7 to honor many petitioners for membership, for great numbers may be

largely dross, and we count and value first the unit and thereafter only the moral intellectual and esoteric combinations of which these units are capable. With still greater indifference than mere numbers, is regarded the profane who strives to enter our Temple, feeling that he has wealth or honors to carry with him to the altar. These cannot accompany him. These may mar the simplicity and seriousness, but cannot enhance the moral dignity of our trusts. They should be subjectively divested. The disciple of Masonry who bends the knee, modifies the restrictions, or however faintly smiles a welcome at these, has failed in the past to appropriate the corn of Masonic nourishment.

Three decisions were rendered :

Question.—Can a man join the Masonic Order with his left arm off at the wrist?

Answer.—He is not eligible.

Question.—Do brothers holding dimits from outside Jurisdictions require to become members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction before they are qualified to petition for dispensation for a new Lodge?

Answer.—It is not required.

Question.—Joseph Lodge, No. 81, suspended a member for non-payment of dues. During his suspension he crippled his right hand for life. Does this disqualify him for reinstatement?

Answer.—It does not.

The Grand Secretary reports total membership, 8,085.

Net gain in membership, 411.

Two Lodges under charter were constituted.

The Grand Master thus concludes his report:

The stimulus to Masonic education must not be neglected, for ours is a progressive science and the energies of the student must not be permitted to lag. Work simply begins with proficiency in the ritualistic ceremonies; a nobler and infinitely more sublime purpose lies beyond, invitingly beckoning us ever onward. And while this must ever be done by the individual each for himself and between himself and the God of Immortality, let us now proceed in this Annual Communication to lay well our plans in furtherance of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, upon which can well be builded the human part of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$19,931.13.

The Grand Secretary reports the condition of the Craft "in a highly, prosperous condition."

Balance on hand and receipts of Educational Fund \$13,-588.00.

At 1:30 o'clock the Grand Lodge opened upon the Entered Apprentice degree for the purpose of work and, having formed a procession under escort of Oregon Commandery,

marched to the appointed place, and proceeded to lay the corner-stone of the Commercial Club building.

Telegrams of fraternal greeting were interchanged between the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington.

Here is an extract from Grand Orator Thomas F. Ryan's address:

Why do men seek Masonry?

In man's innate nature there is a sentiment that nurtured by intelligence and cultivated by education makes him feel there is a higher and a better object of attainment than this transitory existence; a something that draws him onward and upward bringing out the purer and better elements of his nature in the struggle for its attainment.

He realizes that every feeling of the human heart, every trait in the human character, every line in the history of civilized nature bring into existence and emphasizes the fact that man is a being formed for society and derives from thence his highest felicity and glory; that the brightest pages in history are those which record the deeds of men who lived most for their fellow man and achieved greatness through the channels that had their source at the fountain of brotherly love; that the history of mankind might well be considered the history of social life, perpetually and invariably tending more and more to make man wiser, purer and better.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland, and Valle de Mexico.

The Grand Lodge, on account of distance and unfavorable circumstances, while endorsing the movement, declined to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Brother Gen. Garibaldi.

The Grand Secretary was directed to procure a new banner, while the old one was preserved as a relic.

A pleasing episode was the appearance near the close of the session of the Grand Officers belonging to the Grand Lodge of Washington. The distinguished brethren were received with appropriate honors.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother J. M. Hodson makes another of those pleasing reports, for which he is famous.

Georgia, for 1906, receives due attention in a courteous review of nearly four pages.

He says:

We cannot portray the words of burning eloquence, with which

Grand Master Meyerhardt addressed his brethren, nor the tenderness with which he dwells upon the memory of deceased brethren.

Under Indiana, he discusses the proper manner of wearing the apron in the several degrees:

It is said by tradition that in the days when the "Ancient Mysteries" flourished, the elementary principles of material substance were believed to consist of earth, air, fire and water, and these being equal, formed a perfect square; that the great forces of the universe were believed to be creative, destructive and preservative, and these being equal, formed a perfect equilateral triangle. In their ceremonies white was the emblem of innocence, worn by their initiates, and their badge was formed by using the square for the body, the triangle for the flap or bib. The square denoting material substance, the triangle Deity, and being hung at the top of the square denoted that God presided over all material substance, and when white and so arranged it became the emblem of innocence, and was adopted as the badge of a Mason. All the variations of wearing can only designate the degree to which the wearer has attained. The Masonic apron is purely emblematic, and no one presumes for a moment that it in any way resembles the aprons worn by the laborers upon King Solomon's Temple, or any other Temple, ritual to the contrary notwithstanding. Masonry as it exists today is heir to all the philosophies and symbols of the Ancient Egyptian, Elusanian, Grecian and Essenian mysteries, and teaching principles and duties by symbols and parables is as old as development in its earliest stages, and when speculative Masonry grew out of the Ancient Operative system, it preserved many of the symbols and changed their explanations to suit their more modern conceptions.

This makes fine reading, but we are afraid Brother Hodson had to draw on his fertile imagination for some of it.

Commenting on the conclusion of our report, he says:

The refusal to recognize Grand Orients of the A. and A. S. Rite is correct, because they represent another Rite of Freemasonry, and no matter whether possessed of more or less dignity than a Grand Lodge, they are not the same, although based upon the Ancient Craft degrees, which are the only Masonic basis for any Rite. When the Ancient Craft Lodges withdraw from their allegiance to a Grand Orient or Supreme Council and organize themselves into a Grand Lodge, then they become suitable subjects for recognition, because they are equal to other Grand Lodges. The Masonic character of the Scottish Rite is acknowledged by all well informed Masons, and to deny recognition and charge them with being clandestine simply because they originated from the Scottish Rite is to our mind bad policy and not Masonic justice, for these Grand Lodges are in countries where as a rule there is no Masonry, except Scottish Rite, and as Masonry is universal in its nature, we believe in making it so in practice.

We are always ready to acknowledge as brethren Masons of the Scottish Rite, but Grand Orients, from their composition, are not of equal dignity with a Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Lot L. Pearce, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA—1907.

Fine portraits of Past Grand Masters Michael Nisbet, 1831-1832, and I. Steele, Jr., 1833-1834, are found in the Proceedings.

An Emergent Communication was held at Meadville, to perform the funeral service over the body of Past Grand Master Samuel B. Dick.

A Quarterly Communication was held, September 4. Number of Lodges represented, 140.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 79,441; net increase for the year, 4,169.

A Special Communication was held at Philadelphia, September 16, to perform the burial service over the body of Grand Treasurer Thomas R. Patton.

Quarterterly Communication was held, December 4.

Four hundred and eighteen Lodges represented.

Assets of the General Fund, \$84,495.80.

Value of Thomas Singleton bequest, \$110,629.13.

Receipts of Girard bequest, \$58,270.81.

Investments of Stephen Taylor bequest, \$16,040.56.

The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia, December 27, with Brother George W. Kendrick, Grand Master, presiding.

One hundred and sixteen Lodges represented.

Here are some words of cheer from the Grand Master's address:

It is a matter of profound gratitude that Freemasonry has now reached the highest mark in point of membership in this Jurisdiction; and it is a matter of even more sincere thanks that the character of the membership has improved with the numbers. Peace and harmony prevail, and with a deep feeling of personal pride I leave the exalted station to which you called me two years ago, with confident assurance that our

members practice, as well as preach, the highest principles of humanity; and in helping others, help themselves thereby.

On the temperance question, he says:

The edicts issued and the decisions rendered by me regarding the use of intoxicating liquors have been approved by the Craft and have given satisfaction to the Grand Officers. In this connection, it may be of interest to the Grand Lodge to know that the Reverend Benjamin Allen, Grand Chaplain, delivered an oration at the request of Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, of Chester County, just eighty years ago, December 27, 1827, in which among other things, he said:

"Remember, then, I beseech you, that a single intemperate Mason is enough to ruin, in the eyes of many, the character of the whole Order. A single profane Mason is enough to blast the reputation of our principles; and shall we not for the sake of the brethren as well as ourselves, take heed to our ways? Do we love Masonry? Let us prove the sincerity of our love, by doing what we profess to do; that is, following the guidance of the Great Light."

He condemns electioneering for office:

The methods of electioneering adopted in recent years have greatly changed in character, and, unless restricted, will bring discredit upon the Craft.

Candidates for office, or their interested supporters, sometimes seem to think that anonymous circulars, misleading in the presentation of their facts, contribute to the selection by the Grand Lodge of its Officers; and the solicitation of votes on election day, within and without the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, has become so extensive that a halt should be called upon this practice.

He decided that:

Dues are chargeable to the members as soon as they become such.

When a petitioner receives his first degree, he becomes a member and chargeable with dues.

When a petitioner is elected to membership, he is chargeable from that time with dues.

After suspension for non-payment of dues, the dues cannot be remitted.

One not a citizen of this country may be approved and initiated into Freemasonry, but must not be elected Worshipful Master.

Ten edicts were promulgated by the Grand Master, fourteen special dispensations were issued, four corner-stones were laid, eight Lodge anniversaries were attended by the Grand Master, and forty-five official visitations were made.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Thomas J. Day; Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother Henry I. Beers; Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Robert K. Stephenson; and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master,

Brother Harry J. Guthrie; of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, were pleased to visit the Grand Lodge and were received with the customary honors.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Josiah W. Ewan, of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was pleased to visit the Grand Lodge and was received with the customary honors.

Brother George B. Orlady, on being elected Grand Master, made a forcible address. Among other things, he announced that Brother Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer for thirty-four years, had by his last will and testament bequeathed to the Grand Lodge property amounting to more than one million dollars.

Twenty-one Grand Chaplains were appointed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother James M. Lamberton makes a very comprehensive report, covering the Proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges.

Georgia, for 1906, receives an interesting review of nearly six pages. He says:

The annual address of the Grand Master abounds in eloquent passages.

He quotes many opinions delivered by this writer under different Jurisdictions, and usually comments favorably upon the same.

We have only one complaint against Brother Lamberton: he makes us responsible for the mistakes of the printer, such as "destruction" for "distinction," and "exhausting" for "exhaustive."

Under Alabama, he discusses the flag question:

The friends of this writer would probably agree that he is pretty strong on the flag question, believing in its display on proper occasions and in proper places, (as for instance in the Senate and the House of Representatives), but he does not believe a Masonic Lodge room is a proper place for the National flag.

He concludes his report with these words:

We wonder very much if our brethren are as careful as they should be in receiving those who knock at the portals of the Fraternity, and

whether it is as much of an honor to be a member of the Craft now as it was say twenty-five years ago.

Most Worshipful George B. Orlady, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William A. Sims, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND—1907.

Thirty-second Annual.

June 24.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

Present: Most Worshipful W. K. Rogers, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of thirteen Lodges, and Brother W. P. Doull, the Representative of Georgia.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, calls attention to the swift and relentless march of Time:

It is amazing how swiftly run the sands of time. It seems but yesterday that you elected me to preside over the Craft of this Jurisdiction as your Grand Master, it seems as if the echoing sound of the gavel descending upon our deliberations of last year had scarce died away when we are by its peremptory call again bid to take part in the council of another communication.

The Grand Master had visited every Lodge in his Jurisdiction, and detailed report is made of the same.

Eight special dispensations were issued. One to confer Fellow Craft degree in less time than required by the Constitution was refused.

One applicant asked for a dispensation to receive degrees out of time because there was no Lodge within one hundred miles of the place where he was going.

The Grand Master decided that any member in good standing has the right to object to the initiation and advancement of a candidate after he has been declared elected and initiated, and it has the same force and effect as if he had been present at the election and cast his ballot.

The Grand Master was much interested in the effort to create a Benevolent Fund. For this purpose, he made a personal appeal by letter to each member of the Fraternity for \$5.00. Responses were made by 231 out of the 700 members, and the aggregate contribution amounted to \$1,713.

The Grand Master recommended that members be furnished with traveling cards. Also, that a copy of the Proceedings of each Annual Communication be sent to every Master Mason holding membership in the Lodges.

Cash on hand and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$1,093.12.

The sum of \$150 was placed in the hands of the Grand Master for charitable purposes.

Most Worshipful W. K. Rogers, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Neil MacKelvie, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1908.

Thirty-eighth Annual.

February 12.

MONTREAL.

Present: Most Worshipful George O. Stanton, Grand Master; six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-seven Lodges.

The following is taken from the exordium of Grand Master Stanton's instructive address:

Freemasonry has for its objects, Beneficence, the practice of Universal Morality, and of all the Virtues. It has for its foundation stone a belief in the existence of God, the Creator of all things, and in the immortality of the soul; while the love of humanity is a necessary accompaniment of its recognition of the universal Fatherhood of the Deity.

It is composed of free men governed by Rules and Regulations handed down from time immemorial, and who, submissive to the laws of the country in which they reside, are united in a Society for the general welfare of its members and for the good of mankind.

It does not concern itself with the variety of existing religious beliefs and national governments, nor does it regard the religious faith or the political sympathy of its members, forbidding any discussion upon these subjects at its meetings; and thus, bound only to the one great belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of all mankind, the brethren are enabled to meet together in the greatest harmony and good fellowship.

The Grand Lodge had made much material progress during the past year, while the outlook for the future was hopeful.

Certificates, conferring the rank of Hon. Past Grand Master on V. W. Brother Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary; and V. W. Brother John Strachen, K. C., Grand

Registrar of the United Grand Lodge of England, were duly forwarded to these distinguished brethren.

An applicant, who was within a month of the full age of twenty-one years, having applied for the degrees under dispensation, the Grand Master decided that "No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a Mason."

Three Lodges, having received charters at the last communication, were duly consecrated.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 5,785.

Net gain in membership, 291.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$4,644.80.

Total assets of Grand Lodge, \$39,407.30.

Rev. Herbert Symonds delivered a scholarly discourse.

Here is an extract:

What can be a loftier conception of God than that of the Great Architect of the Universe. Here the whole realms of Nature, from the starry firmament—vast worlds moving in perfect order through infinite space—down to the tiniest plume on the butterfly's wing, becomes the sign and symbol of the Infinite and Invisible God. When men in their thoughtlessness demand to see God, we should remind them that there is a sense in which we cannot even see Man. For the body is but the outward sign of the real man, who cannot be seen with the eye of flesh. How much more is it true of God, whom, nevertheless, we know by the outward symbols He gives of Himself. "The invisible things of Him from the beginning of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made."

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan. No action was taken looking to the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Mexico and Argentine Republic. Recognition of the Grand Orient of Greece was declared undesirable.

Brother T. P. Butler was appointed Official Legal Adviser to the Grand Lodge with a salary of \$100 per annum. "Official Legal Adviser" is something new to this part of the Masonic world.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We find these wise words in the introduction of Brother E. T. D. Chambers' admirable report:

As nothing succeeds like success, so nothing was more calculated to attract the masses of the people to Freemasonry than the character and

standing of those good men and true, who had themselves become identified with it for its works' sake. In other words, Masonry is popular, and more so, almost everywhere today than with a certain section of the population of the Province of Quebec. Of this we have no reason to complain. Our numerical and material progress is perfectly satisfying and we are mainly concerned with the more general practical exemplification of Masonry's teachings and precepts. From without, we have nothing to fear. From within, nothing but good will proceed, so long as we are one and all vigilant in our scrutiny of those who are seeking admission into the outer courts of our sanctuary.

Georgia receives due consideration in a review of more than three pages.

Commenting on our opinion under Florida that a book-keeper in a wholesale liquor store is an essential part of the machinery for carrying on the business, and therefore as much to blame as the man who dispenses the drinks, he says

Let us play the game fairly. If we are going back thus far in the "This is the house that Jack built" kind of a story, what punishment shall we mete out to the farmer that grew the grain from which the liquor was distilled, to the smithy who made his plough and shod his horses, the miner who dug the ore from which the material for his farm implements was refined, the man who threshed the grain, he who made the glass for the bottles that hold the whiskey, the dealer who sold the corks, and so on to the end of chapter? Why stop at "the rat that ate the malt," when we go back just as logically to "the cow with the crumpled horn that tossed the dog, that worried the (said) rat," or further back still to the wedding at the end of the chapter, after which it is to be hoped that they lived happy ever after.

Most Worshipful George O. Stanton, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Will H. White, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND—1907.

One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual.

May 20.

PROVIDENCE.

Present: Most Worshipful Walter A. Presbrey, Grand Master, and the Representatives of thirty-six Lodges.

The frontispiece is a fine picture of Grand Master Presbrey.

A Special Communication was held at Bristol, to lay the corner-stone of the Colt Memorial High School.

Semi-Annual Communication, Nov. 19, 1906.

A Past Grand Master's jewel and apron were presented to Most Worshipful Joseph W. Freeman.

St. Andrew's Lodge was granted permission to attend church in Lodge formation.

A Special Communication was held at Pawtuxet to dedicate the new Masonic building at that place.

The Grand Master made a brief address, disclosing his official acts for the year.

Nine dispensations were issued to attend Divine service; eight, to change dates of stated communications; and five, for other purposes.

The Grand Master decided that a brother elected as Marshal of a Lodge was not entitled to a dimit until his term of office had expired, because the Marshal had solemnly sworn to perform the duties of his office until his successor had been lawfully installed, and that by this obligation he waived the right of dimit.

Legally considered, there are some rights, which a man cannot waive, and the same principle applies to Masonry. "Freely come, freely go" is the law of our Institution, and why should this practice be less binding because the brother holds an office.

The Grand Master could find no authority for conferring the degree of Past Master.

What do members of a Blue Lodge, not members of a Chapter, know about the Past Master's degree? If it is necessary to have some sort of degree, to induct a Worshipful Master into office, why not have a ritual prepared suitable for the occasion? We are happy to state that the Past Master's degree does not trouble the Masons of Georgia.

Most Worshipful Arthur H. Armington, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN—1907.

A fine picture of Grand Master H. H. Campkin occupies the initial page.

A Special Communication was held at Regina, May 1, to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in that place.

The first Annual Communication was held in the City of Prince Albert, June 18, 1907, with Grand Master H. H. Campkin on the Throne.

An address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor of the City.

The Grand Master states in his address, the reasons which necessitated the formation of a new Grand Lodge:

The progress we have made in the past ten months places matters in a different light from that we had when we formed on the 9th of August last. I must confess that I did not like the idea of the formation of the new Grand Lodge, and severing from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but, recognizing the great distance our northern brethren had to travel in attending Grand Lodge, the great inconvenience to Grand Lodge Officers, and the distance they had to travel in making official visits, the great progress of the Western country, it is evident that our action of the 9th of August was all for the best.

Excellent progress had been made during the year, exceeding the most sanguine expectations.

This decision was rendered:

1. Can more than one candidate be initiated at once? In this I ruled that not more than one candidate can be obligated at once in the first and third degree, but after obligation and raising, candidates can then be taken together.

It was also decided that a candidate, having lost one foot, could not be initiated. That is all right, but he winds up the decision by saying:

I have ruled that no dispensation would be issued, nor can an application be entertained unless the applicant is perfect bodily as well as morally.

The Grand Master has established a high standard, and, if his requirements are strictly carried out, we are afraid membership in Saskatchewan will increase with exceeding slowness.

As to wearing regalia, he rules:

Another point is the granting of dispensation to wear regalia for dances and balls. I have ruled that for a dance or ball at which the general public is admitted, unless the proceeds of such are for some charitable purpose, dispensation would not be issued to wear regalia, but that, where a Lodge holding an at-home, where the expenses were borne entirely by the individual members of the Lodge, and no admission charged, a dispensation can be issued for that purpose.

We have an old-fashioned idea that the wearing of Ma-

sonic regalia is suitable to purely Masonic occasions, and not to balls and dances.

The Grand Master insists upon Masons attending Divine service:

I wish to state most emphatically that anything that looks like a severance of Masonry and Christianity cannot but be mischievous to the best interests of the Craft. Masonry is not Christianity, but it is so based upon it and so inextricably intertwined with it, that the two cannot be disassociated in the minds of right-thinking Masons. I am well aware that a number of our brethren, men who are Masons in the very highest meaning of the term, have objections to appearing in public dressed in Masonic clothing and to taking part in the Masonic parades. These objections, based upon conscientious grounds, cannot but be respected. But, at the same time, even these may be removed by arranging a Masonic service from which the features objected to could be eliminated. Surely some arrangement could be made so that each Lodge in the Jurisdiction may be enabled to attend Divine service at least once a year.

The Committee on Credentials reported a representation of twenty-one Lodges.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$943.25.

Total membership, 1,400.

Net increase, 400.

Most Worshipful H. H. Campkin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John M. Shaw, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A Half-Yearly Communication was held at Adelaide, October 17, 1906, with Hon. Sir S. J. Way, Grand Master, presiding.

The Board of General Purposes recommended that the Grand Lodge of Alberta be recognized, that action on a petition for recognition from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico be postponed, and that a petition from twenty-three brethren at Augaston, for the formation of a new Lodge, be granted.

Annual Communication, April 17, 1907.

The meeting of the proposed Conference of Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Australasia was postponed for an indefinite period.

Total worth of Grand Lodge Funds, \$117,235.

Twelve Grand Stewards were elected.

Most Worshipful Hon. Sir Samuel J. Wray, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. H. Cunningham, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1907.

Thirty-third Annual.

June 11.

LEAD.

Present: Most Worshipful Robert H. McCaughey, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of eighty-eight Lodges.

A portrait and biography of Grand Master R. H. McCaughey occupy the first pages. These are followed by an engraving of the Masonic Temple at the City of Lead.

An address of welcome was made by Brother T. R. Stoner, and a suitable response was made by Brother S. C. Hartranft.

The Grand Master stated in his address that the membership had reached 6,675, a net gain during the year of 341.

Five Lodges had been constituted, and dispensations had been issued for three more.

We reproduce two of the decisions rendered:

2. The fact that a brother is present and casts his ballot at a regular meeting when a candidate is elected to receive the degrees does not deprive him of his right to file a secret objection to the initiation of the candidate, as provided in Section 63, Grand Lodge By-Laws.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved this decision, but added:

While your Committee would not question the right of any brother to file secret objections to the initiation of a candidate, we would suggest that the right should be exercised only in cases where the brother was not present at the time the ballot was taken, or that matters had come to his knowledge after the ballot had been taken, that showed the candidate unworthy to be initiated.

5. Question.—We have an application for the degrees of Masonry which we do not know what to do with. Party is all right in every way excepting one cork leg from just above the knee down. Will this disqualify him? Think he can be placed in due form and on either knee, also think he can take the steps. What shall we do? Held.—Return the petition upon the ground of physical disqualification.

The new Masonic Temple at Madison, an engraving of which appears in the Proceedings, had its corner-stone laid at an Emergent Communication, December 13, 1906.

An Emergent Communication was held at Springfield, May 29, 1907, to dedicate the Masonic Temple at that place, a picture of which is found in the Proceedings.

An Emergent Communication was convened at Sioux Falls, to receive the famous silver trowel sent out by Justice Lodge, of New York, to spread more closely the cement of Brotherly Love and affection throughout the several Jurisdictions, through which it might pass in its long journey around the world. The formal presentation of the trowel is said to have been very interesting.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$5,805.40.

Mitchel was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Total cash on hand, Grand Charity Fund, \$2,635.92.

At the close of the installation ceremonies, a delegation was received from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star then in session. Some nice little speeches were made, and they all had a delightful time. Among the visitors, was Mrs. Madeleine V. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the World. She was received with prolonged applause, and she made a "taking little speech," in which she paid a glowing tribute to Masonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother A. S. Brown makes an excellent report, but Georgia is again left out. Will Brother Brown please tell us what we have done to merit such treatment?

Most Worshipful William E. Milligan, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE—1908.

Ninety-fourth Annual.

January 29.

NASHVILLE.

Present: Most Worshipful George E. Seay, Grand Master; eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 418 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Grand Master Milton H. Price.

Grand Master Seay's address is a business-like report of his official acts.

Masonry in Tennessee had made steady progress, peace and harmony had prevailed, and the condition of the Lodges was good.

Four new Lodges were constituted under charter, and four more were created under dispensation.

Five corner-stones were laid and thirty-eight dispensations were issued for sundry purposes.

Dispensations were refused: to elect and install a Worshipful Master in place of one who had moved to another State; to observe June 22 in lieu of June 24; to elect a particular member of the Lodge as Secretary; to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time; to remove meeting place of Lodge.

We quote some decisions:

New Providence Lodge, No. 128.—An Entered Apprentice, after hiatus of about three years, has made application for advancement. His petition has been rejected more than once; he is about to remove permanently to the Jurisdiction of another Lodge; he has applied to this Lodge for a certificate of good standing as an Entered Apprentice.

Question.—Does the fact that petition for advancement has been rejected deprive applicant of his right to a certificate of good standing?

Answer.—No. An Entered Apprentice is entitled to certificate of good standing if such be the fact, and no charges preferred, although a petition for advancement has been rejected.

Dyer Lodge, No. 351.—A member who has been granted a dimit, and lost it, asked for a duplicate thereof.

Question.—Can the Lodge grant it?

Answer.—Yes, upon proper evidence that he has lost it, a duplicate may be granted. It should state the reasons for its issuance and be marked "duplicate."

Question No. 3.—Is the killing of a deer out of season a valid ground for refusing to allow a dimitted Mason to affiliate with our Lodge?

Answer.—The Grand Master can not determine the question for the Lodge. I know nothing about the circumstances, and if I did it would be immaterial; the fitness of an applicant is the question for the members of the Lodge to determine in the first instance and one they should be careful in deciding.

It was also decided that a candidate, who has been initiated, may be stopped at any time by objection.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$33,821.36.

Total receipts of Masonic Home, \$17,987.34.

Inmates of the Home: forty-three boys, twenty-three widows, and forty-six girls.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in condemnation of cipher rituals, promulgated the following as fundamental tenets of Freemasonry:

1. Freemasonry has as essentials certain secrets of ritual which it forever conceals and never reveals to any person in the world except its own members.

2. These ancient mysteries are communicated only by the instructive tongue to the attentive ear and are safely lodged in the faithful breast; and any other mode of communication in Ancient Craft Masonry is most positively forbidden in solemn form and manner.

3. So likewise is forbidden the writing, printing or marking in any manner, of these secrets or any sign or letter thereof, whereby the same becomes legible or intelligible to any person, lest these secrets might become known to the profane.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Western Australia, and Queensland.

Action was postponed on the applications of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the Grand Orient of Greece, and the Grand Orient of Paraguay.

The Committee on Returns reported, number of Master Masons, 21,304; increase in membership during the year, 453.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Henry A. Chambers makes a condensed report, covering sixty-three Grand Lodges.

Georgia is reviewed in a smaller space than one page.

He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt's address as being replete "with beautiful word paintings and illuminating fancy pictures."

Most Worshipful Milton H. Price, Grand Master.

Right Worshshipful John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS—1907.

Seventy-second Annual.

December 3.

WACO.

Present: Most Worshipful John P. Bell, Grand Master; fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 418 Lodges.

Well executed portraits of Grand Master W. Lee Moore and Past Grand Master Anson Rainey adorn the Proceedings.

Grand Master Bell reported eighteen charters issued for new Lodges, and eight more created by dispensation.

Application for dispensation to confer degrees for another Lodge through courtesy was refused.

Dispensations were refused: to confer degrees out of time; to allow a brother, whose store and stock of merchandise had been destroyed by fire to ask contributions from other Lodges in his county; to meet in the Odd Fellows' Hall; to allow school to be taught in the ante-rooms of the Lodge.

The Grand Master held that the following defects are physical disqualifications:

1. The loss of the big toe on either foot.
2. One leg being one inch shorter than the other, but causing the party to limp in walking.
3. The loss of the left eye.
4. The loss of the two middle fingers of the left hand.
5. A part of the index finger of the right hand.
6. The loss of the end of the middle finger of the left hand.
7. One who is hair-lipped.
8. The fleshy part of the end of finger mashed off.
9. Such defect of the eye as that the party can see very little out of it.
10. Loss of index finger of right hand.
11. One joint of third finger of the left hand gone.
12. One who has been wounded on the inside of right arm three inches from the wrist, which has caused fingers and thumb to draw, but not sufficient to deprive him of being placed in possession of the Ancient Landmarks.
13. One who was injured in childhood and one leg is smaller and slightly shorter than the other, and limps in walking.
14. One who has been shot in the groin; result, leg drawn, can stand erect, walks with a cane and walks very badly without a cane.
15. One who has part of the index finger of left hand cut off, splitting the nail in the center.

16. One who was born with the right ear closed.
17. One joint of little finger of the left hand gone.
18. Loss of sight of either eye.
19. Loss of middle finger of left hand.
20. One who had received the Entered Apprentice degree in another State, moved to Texas and applied for second and third degrees, having lost one finger of left hand is barred from advancement.

The Grand Master's ideas concerning physical disqualifications are unreasonable. The Committee on Jurisprudence evidently thought so too:

We regard the mere statement that "one is hair-lipped," that "the fleshy part of the end of a finger is mashed off," that "one who has been wounded on the inside of right arm three inches from wrist, which has caused fingers and thumb to draw, but not sufficient to deprive him of being placed in possession of the Ancient Landmarks," as too indefinite, and your committee is unable to determine whether or not these cases fall within the former rulings of this Grand Body, and we do not desire to add any new definitions or physical defects which disqualify for initiation into our Fraternity.

Thirty-four corner-stones were laid during the year.

We reproduce some of the decisions rendered:

2. On December 21, I received the following communication from the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden of Rock Island Lodge, No. 869, at Dalhart, Texas: This Lodge has two members, one of whom is a saloon keeper and bar tender and the other is a bar tender. Question: Would we be authorized to instruct our Junior Warden to file complaint and take action against them? Answer: Saloon keeping and tending bar is not a Masonic offense.

14. On March 22, I received the following from J. E. Frazier, High Priest of Quanah Chapter: We are at sea in the Blue Lodge. We have two applicants for affiliation; both received, committee appointed and held up. Question: Should the brothers be examined and vouched for ere voting upon the application or should they be elected and then examined ere sitting in the Lodge? Answer: If known to be Master Masons, no examination is necessary.

17. On March 4, I received a letter from Mrs. Amelia Huvelle, Past Grand Matron of the "Order of the Eastern Star," asking my approval as Grand Master of the publication of a story entitled "The Masons' Sign of Distress." The story is too long to be copied in this report. Suffice it to say that it was a thrilling account of the capture of a ship with men and women aboard by a pirate who gave no quarter, and that by the sign of distress given by the commander of the captured boat and recognized by the pirate captain, all were saved and permitted to go in peace. I replied to this good lady that I saw nothing objectionable in the story itself, but that its publication for distribution might be con-

strued to be an advertisement of Masonry and withheld my approval and that in my judgment same should not be published.

29. April 10, Brother R. E. Lynch, Worshipful Master of Albany Lodge, asks: Can an application for degrees or for affiliation be withdrawn? Answer: Application for affiliation may be withdrawn; for initiation, can not if legally filed.

30. Questions asked by Secretary, St. John's Lodge, No. 53: 1st: Is it un-Masonic for a brother while praying, either in the Lodge or at a burial, to close the prayer with the phrase, "for the sake of Jesus Christ?" Answer: No.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thus comments on No. 29:

It is unfortunate that any question bearing even remotely upon disputed matters of religion should have arisen in any subordinate Lodge, and it is to be regretted that any such matter should be agitated by being forced upon the consideration of any committee of this Grand Lodge. However much it may be regretted, such a question arises in the thirtieth decision of the Grand Master as to the proper conclusion of prayers at burials and in Lodges, and while the Grand Master may be right in deciding that it is not un-Masonic, in the sense that charges could not be sustained for such action, in concluding Masonic prayers according to the formula of any religion, still we think that it is contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry, and is in derogation of its universality, which would demand that no phrases or terms should be used in a Masonic service that would arouse sectarian feelings or wound the religious sensibilities of any Freemason.

On the question of "protests" the Grand Master decides:

1. Is a protest the same force as a black ball? Answer: Yes.

2. Must a protest be made before or after candidate is elected?

Answer: A protest may be made at any time before degree is conferred.

3. Is a protest the property of the Lodge to be discussed? Answer: No; it should not be discussed.

4. Does it become a matter of record? Answer: The Worshipful Master should direct the Secretary to enter on the minutes the fact that a protest has been entered, but he has no right to make known who entered protest.

5. Has a Lodge or any member thereof the right to demand the reason for a protest? Answer: No; a protest is as sacred as the ballot.

The Grand Master shows his condemnation of "cipher work" in the following:

To the Officers and Members of the Masonic Lodges, and to all

District Deputy Grand Masters in Texas:

WHEREAS, It has come to my knowledge that a certain Cipher Work is being sent through the mail to all Lodges in Texas, and

WHEREAS, All such cipher works are condemned by the Grand Lodge of Texas, now therefore, I, John P. Bell, Grand Master of the Most

Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, do call upon every officer and member of Lodges, and upon every individual Mason, to discountenance the use of any cipher work in this Grand Jurisdiction.

And I direct each and every District Deputy Grand Master to ascertain whether any cipher work is being used by any Mason in his Masonic District, and that wherever such work may be found in use to admonish the brethren that its use is a violation of Texas Masonic law that would justify charges against any and all Masons using the same.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$31,772.00.

Received on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$19,778.50.

A favorable report was made on the Widows and Orphans' Home.

Two beautiful memorial windows had been placed in the front of the auditorium, one for Past Grand Master James F. Miller by the Masons of Gonzales, and the other for Past Grand Master Marcus F. Mott by the Masons of Galveston.

The Home has 176 inmates: 68 boys, 98 girls, and ten widows. Cost of maintenance, \$30,558.08. Per capita cost per annum, \$173.63.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That whereas, there is an inhibition against other orders or fraternities meeting in Masonic halls, it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall avail itself of the use of the halls of other orders or bodies for Masonic purposes, and said use is hereby absolutely prohibited.

The following, concerning a former prominent Mason of Georgia, was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

In 1881 and 1882 the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia elected Right Worshipful Brother J. I. Wright Grand Master of that Grand Lodge. The distinguished brother filled the exalted station with credit to himself and honor to his Grand Lodge.

Many years ago Brother Wright removed to Texas, locating in Fort Worth, where he resided until this year, when, in the fullness of a ripe and honored old age, he was called to his reward in the Grand Lodge above. In 1903, Brother Wright became the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia near the Grand Lodge of Texas, which position he filled at the time of his death. In recognition of the distinguished brother and the duty we owe to his memory, be it

Resolved, That this slight recapitulation of that high character and eminent services rendered to Masonry by our deceased brother, Right Worshipful J. I. Wright, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, and the Representative of the Most Worshipful

Grand Lodge of Georgia near the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, at the time of his death, be printed in the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Thomas M. Matthews, as usual, presents an able report. We regret that Georgia has no place in the review.

The following, taken from the conclusion of Brother Matthews' report, shows wise discrimination:

While there are many religions, there is but one Freemasonry. And while we would not be understood as endeavoring to elevate Freemasonry above Christianity, we offer no apology for saying that, while religion has caused many tears of sorrow to flow, made millions of widows and orphans, imprisoned disbelievers, tortured them upon the rack, and burned them at the stake; has devastated cities, and swept them from the face of the earth, desolated lands, and blotted out nations, Masonry has done none of these things. Freemasonry has no armies, no navies, no arsenals, and no magazines, nor implements of war or death. On the contrary, if all men were good and true Masons there would be no more war. Its sons are the hosts of peace; its aims, good deeds; its banner, Love, and its countersign and battle-cry, "Peace and good will upon earth."

Most Worshipful W. Lee Moore, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John Watson, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1908.

Thirty-seventh Annual.

January 21.

SALT LAKE CITY.

Present: Most Worshipful William J. Barrette, Grand Master; twelve Past Masters, and the Representatives of thirteen Lodges.

On opening the volume, we find before us the pleasing countenance of Grand Master James Henry Brown.

The exordium of the Grand Master's address is retrospective in character:

A little less than forty years ago there foregathered in this City of the Saints as faithful and brave a band of pioneers as have ever helped make history. This was then an Egypt whose King knew not Joseph. Only a few short years before had the "Union Pacific," whatever its unsavory record may have been, made connection between the East and the Far West, and furnished reasonable facilities for touch with the "folks

back home." The sage-brush still frowned at cultivated vegetation; Nature herself still resisted the encroachment of man's dominion. Of the people who were then here, a majority so great as to leave the minority hardly worth recalling, were of those whose training, prejudices, and habits of thought and life rendered them out of touch and sympathy with the purpose of that gathering.

In such inhospitable and forbidding surroundings, in such cheerless and chilling atmosphere did those brave pioneers come together—to lay the foundation for a Masonic Grand Lodge in the then Territory of Utah. How broad and deep was the foundation they laid, we of today have ample proof. They builded better than they themselves knew—all without hope of fee or reward, but in the love they bore the Fraternity of which they were part and in the love of mankind itself.

The Grand Master, with two exceptions, had visited all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction.

He had but one adverse criticism to make upon the work done in his Lodges:

But one adverse criticism can fairly be made upon the work of any of the Lodges, and that is upon the attempt on the part of the larger and stronger Lodges to do too much work at a single meeting. The growing practice of conferring two, three, four and even five Master's degrees in one evening cannot, in my judgment, be too strongly condemned. The work under such circumstances must inevitably become perfunctory. In justice to the officers, in justice to the lessons sought to be conveyed, the practice should be discontinued, by inhibition if necessary.

No decisions are recorded, but the Grand Master makes some observations by way of warning:

First.—That in a few instances at least, mere complacency on the part of members, a readiness to suppose that because some one has proposed a candidate that, therefore, he must be eligible, and a proneness on the part of examining committees to do their work only perfunctorily, have destroyed the usefulness of the black ball.

Second.—That persons are being allowed to take the three degrees whose only apparent purpose in doing so is to enable them to take the so-called higher degrees, and who never appear in a Blue Lodge meeting after being raised.

The silver trowel reached Utah from Wyoming and, after some interesting exercises, was sent on its way to Idaho.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,618.26.

One new Lodge was constituted and another was organized under dispensation.

On the evening of the first day the work was exemplified under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Valle de Mexico, and recognition was denied the Grand Lodge of Greece and of the Swiss Alpina.

The resolution of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was rescinded, amicable relations having been established between Hamburg and New York.

An Entered Apprentice Mason, by accident, suffered a loss of both legs. Was the brother eligible to take the remaining degrees? This important question was settled by the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Committee on Jurisprudence are of the opinion that there is a wide distinction between the status of a profane and that of an Entered Apprentice. While in the former case the contention of the objector might well be considered conclusive, it would not at all follow in the case of an Entered Apprentice, for he is already a Mason and may not be deprived, in the absence of any act of moral turpitude, of receiving the remaining degrees to which he had been elected when a perfect man. While perhaps the question being a new one and so far-reaching in its consequence it would have been the part of wisdom to have awaited the presentation of the case to the Grand Lodge, still your committee believe it was within the power of the Grand Master to give an authoritative answer and report the same to the coming session of the Grand Lodge.

In our opinion the passages referred to in the Ancient Landmarks are meant for a profane and that it was not intended that one who had already taken a degree should come within any of those provisions.

The officers, members, and visiting brethren were invited by the three Salt Lake Lodges to partake of a banquet immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Christopher Diehl submits his thirty-second report. He well illustrates the old adage, "Practice makes perfect."

Under Georgia, for 1907, he says:

The seventh and last annual address of Grand Master Meyerhardt is a thoughtful, earnest, and eloquent Masonic document, evidencing that he had faithfully discharged the duties of the office during the year.

In his conclusion, he wisely says:

Reading Masonic literature makes the perfect Mason. Every Mason should be a reader, a thinker, a student as well as a practitioner of the other virtues inculcated in Masonry. The century grows upward, not downward, and Masons should be in the front of the procession that moves toward the dawn of day and the glorious light. And to be in the

front, they must read and keep posted of the important matters annually transpiring in the Masonic world.

Most Worshipful James H. Brown, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT—1907.

One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual.

June 12.

BURLINGTON.

Present: Most Worshipful Chas. A. Calderwood, Grand Master; five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of eighty-three Lodges.

Two Emergent Communications were held: to perform the funeral service over the remains of Past Grand Master Nathan P. Bowman and of Past Grand Junior Deacon George F. Flanders.

The Grand Master begins his annual address in reminiscent mood:

Day and night succeed each other with perfect accuracy. The great "orb of day," by its regular and unvarying movements marks the flight of time. Starting at the vernal equinox he begins his journey northward; at the summer solstice he swings southerly through the autumnal equinox until the short winter days remind us that he has reached his furthest point in the south; thence the pendulum swings north again until it reaches the point of beginning and another year has slipped into the great past. Again and again he repeats these movements and marks off the years and the centuries.

So our Masonic life is similarly graduated. We gather here in annual assembly and go hence to our work. The quiet of the summer is followed by the activities of the autumn and winter. Busily we perform our Masonic work and before we are quite aware, with the return of the sun to his bourne in the north, we meet again in annual communication and another Masonic year is accomplished.

While he does not deny the prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight, he thinks the occasions should be exceedingly rare, in which this right is exercised:

That a Grand Master has had from the earliest Masonic time power to make Masons at sight and to grant dispensations for almost any unusual course, cannot well be denied. In these days when laws are adopted for the control and guidance of Masonic Lodges, while these ancient prerogatives of the Grand Master still remain, I cannot think that they

should be exercised to the setting aside of recognized legal authority except in case of a real emergency. I have been asked this year to exercise this dispensing power in cases where no emergency whatever existed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland, and Porto Rico.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows total membership, 12,078; net increase, 276.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$5,163.30.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendation of the Grand Master raising the salary of the Grand Treasurer and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but disapproved the requiring of documentary evidence in visiting a Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Marsh O. Perkins always makes an interesting report, and this one comes up to the standard.

Georgia is well treated, and is skilfully reviewed. Of Grand Master Meyerhardt, he says:

The address of the Grand Master attests to his great devotion to Freemasonry and the continuance of his indefatigable efforts of upbuilding the Fraternity in his beloved commonwealth. Like similar papers that have emanated from his pen, it is an eloquent production, and affords both entertainment and instruction.

Under Cuba, he says:

The action of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in severing relations with the Grand Orient of France, and the faithful efforts since on the part of both to stand for those things which always have had the most steadfast maintenance among English speaking Masons, are, as Brother Miller says, "worthy of the highest commendation."

His conclusion partakes of the nature of a benediction:

Our journey is again ended, and the results of a hurried inspection of the annals of fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions have been recorded. A few others are missing for want of their Proceedings. The way has been pleasant with its many evidences of prosperity and of the exercise of Masonic teachings on every hand. May the one continue and the other grow in grace, until everywhere shall be acknowledged the undying Faith that inspires Hope of the fullest fruition, and shall blossom forth in unmeasured, boundless deeds of loving Charity.

Most Worshipful Charles A. Calderwood, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA—1908.

One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual.

February 11.

RICHMOND.

Present: Most Worshipful Sylvanus J. Quinn, Grand Master; five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of ninety-two Lodges.

Fine pictures of Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston and of Past Grand Masters R. E. Withers, William H. Lambert, and Robt. T. Craighill, adorn the Proceedings.

The Grand Master says in his opening address:

As an institution we have much to be thankful for. The Lord has prospered us during the year, and we have been the recipients of his manifold blessings. There has been a steady and healthy increase of membership in most of the Subordinate Lodges, peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders, and we are in most pleasant and friendly relations with all recognized and corresponding Grand Lodges in this and other countries.

But this, my brethren, is not all. Our State and country have been highly favored, and from the various sections come the pleasing intelligence of almost unprecedented prosperity. The farmer has been richly rewarded for his sowing, the laborer for his toil, the merchant for his diligence, the professional man for his skill, the artisan for his genius, the manufacturer for his industry, and all departments of activities in the various avocations and callings for their energies. In this tide of prosperity we have, as individuals, participated, and not only have we prosperity, but we have been mercifully protected from those visitations that bring sorrow and distress and leave death and desolation in their track.

We quote some of the decisions:

5. I held, Section 142 to the contrary notwithstanding, that the installation of a Worshipful Master by proxy was not conducive to the best interests of the Lodge and ought not to be permitted. His installation is unique. He is required to give his solemn and unequivocal assent to vital questions concerning his conduct in relation to his own Lodge, the Craft generally, the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, and the strict observance of immovable Landmarks of Masonry that no proxy can answer for him with any binding force. Therefore he should assent to these essential charges himself, in the presence of the Lodge, for the mutual benefit of both himself and his Lodge. If it be claimed that he has already assented to these charges elsewhere, which is sufficient, the question might be asked with effect, why, then, does the law require it of him in presence of the Lodge, prior to his installation? Again, he may have assented to these charges elsewhere, but his Lodge is not pre-

sumed to know it, yet it knows he is required to assent to them in its presence.

6. That a Junior Warden, in the absence of the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden can open his Lodge, transact the business before the Lodge at a stated communication, and he can also open the Lodge at a special communication, called by competent authority, and dispose of the business for which the special communication was called, the Master and Senior Warden being absent.

7. That a cripple, who is compelled to use crutches, and cannot stand without them, whose left foot and limb are crippled to such an extent that his left foot cannot be placed flat on the floor, and who cannot stand on his right foot without assistance, cannot be made a Mason.

12. That a man who has taken the first degree, and soon thereafter was stricken down with paralysis, remaining for a long time in almost a dying condition, and, after partial recovery, it was found that his mind was impaired, that he had lost the entire use of his left arm and could scarcely use his left leg, and, in addition to these "was a physical break down," cannot be advanced while in that condition.

13. That it is improper and un-Masonic for a Lodge to lay the corner-stone of a church building or other edifice on the Sabbath day, it being contrary to the customs and traditions of Masonry.

26. Can a Lodge meet and confer a degree on Sunday? No, the Great Light in Masonry teaches us that in six days God created the heaven and the earth and rested on the seventh, which he hallowed and made a day of rest for the ages, for man and beast, and "the seventh, therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors," and we must obey God and do as did our ancient brethren.

29. Three members of a Lodge met in the Lodge room the day of a stated communication, with one visitor. The three were Senior Warden, Secretary and private member. Business transacted: Private member dimitted, Secretary resigned, accepted and dimitted. Senior Warden resigned, accepted and dimitted. The Lodge was then closed. The dimitted Secretary, under seal, submitted the question of legality. Held, that the communication was illegal, and all business transacted thereat was null and void and of no effect whatever. Ordered, that the proceedings of the meeting be expunged from the record book.

Dispensations were issued for five new Lodges, and fourteen corner-stones were laid.

The Grand Master speaks of the Masonic Home in pessimistic strain:

A comparative statement shows that the Masonic Home has suffered financially during this closing Masonic year. The report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Worshipful J. S. Moore, which is before me, reveals a falling off in the maintenance fund of the appalling sum of \$2,579.70. This deficit is principally in Life Membership and voluntary donations by the various Masonic bodies of the State. Brethren, this is

a serious matter and demands the most thoughtful consideration of every Mason as well as of every subordinate Lodge in Virginia. It is not as it should be. We must not allow our contributions to this glorious charity to diminish when they should be increased. The demand for maintenance—which should be a delightful burden, if burden it is—is upon us, and we must meet it. Let us do so with willing hands and loving hearts. Let us not forget that the Home was given to us by a devoted Mason that we might have a place in which to shelter and care for the orphans of our deceased brethren, and that God has given us the orphans to test our love and loyalty to Him, for we have the poor always with us—among whom is the homeless, penniless orphan—and whensoever we will we may do them good.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$32,312.65.

On the second day, the Grand Lecturer, with the assistance of the other Lecturers and members of the Committee on Work, proceeded to rehearse the catechisms in the three degrees, and to exemplify the Master Mason's degree.

Brother Joseph W. Eggleston was elected Grand Master, and then Brother Eggleston occupied the unique position of being Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence at the same time.

Fraternal relations were established with the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A well digested report is made by Brother Joseph W. Eggleston. More than two pages are devoted to an interesting epitome of Georgia Masonic history for 1907. He says:

The Grand Master's final address, after seven years' of service, was, as all of them have been, oratory of a high order.

He then proceeds to make copious extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

He speaks favorably of our report, but does not see why we should use "objections" for "adjectives." Lay that to the printer, Brother Eggleston. We have not been a school teacher for twenty-five years, and thus "murder the King's English" with malice aforethought.

Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Geo. W. Carrington, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON—1907.

Fiftieth Annual.

June 11.

TACOMA.

Present: Most Worshipful Edward F. Waggoner, Grand Master; fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 140 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Brother Edward F. Waggoner, Grand Master and the Representative of Georgia.

An address of welcome was delivered by Brother Clinton A. Snowdon, and brief response was made by Brother Wm. R. Baker, Grand Junior Warden.

We quote from the eloquent and forcible address of the Grand Master:

We believe in the great work of this grand Fraternity because its principles and teachings are not limited by time, but are in harmony with the Creator's plan for the happiness, progress and prosperity of the human race, to the end that we may gain an entrance into a larger and greater sphere of usefulness and enjoyment.

Every symbol, every thought, every lesson impressed, touches a responsive chord in the human heart, resultant in higher aspirations and a desire to enter the door of opportunity and accept the responsibility of using the talents wherewith the Creator has been pleased to endow us, not only to his glory, but for the welfare of humanity.

Everywhere that Masonry has been taught and practiced, the imprint of our institution has been indelibly stamped upon the pages of history recording growth and progress; its adherents, ever and at all times, recognized as standing for the highest type of moral development and citizenship.

The history of its growth has been fraught with such magnificent achievements, and the marvelous power of its adherents as factors in the up-building of nations and public institutions, has been so great that our Order has been given homage and admiration by the wisest of earth.

The ignorant and the skeptic, the atheist and the infidel have alike attacked it, and so-called religious institutions have made it the object of their wrath by vituperation and abuse.

But Masonry today, from out the glory of its past, beholds the rising sun of a new day, a new era of grander opportunities and greater usefulness, of brighter promise and more loving fraternal helpfulness than it has ever found before.

Five Lodges were constituted under charter.

Here are some decisions:

Decision No. 4. No Mason shall be permitted to affiliate with any Lodge in this Jurisdiction who is engaged directly or as employee in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Decision No. 5. A Worshipful Master-elect, if otherwise qualified, is eligible to be installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that he is living in the Jurisdiction of another Lodge.

Decision No. 6. A Lodge having received the petition for the degrees, and not having acted upon same prior to the removal of the applicant to another Jurisdiction, cannot elect the applicant to receive the degrees in that Lodge.

Decision No. 7. It is not permissible for any Lodge outside of this Jurisdiction to confer the degrees in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Decision No. 8. A person whose right foot has been amputated one inch back of the toes is not eligible to receive the degrees in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Decision No. 9. The loss of the first joint of the index finger on the right hand renders a petitioner ineligible to receive the degrees.

No. 6 was disapproved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Eight special dispensations were granted. Some were refused: to allow a Past Master to open the Lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens; to allow the annual election of officers previous to the time prescribed; to confer degrees out of regular time; to take part as a Lodge in laying a corner-stone in Idaho.

Seven new Lodges were organized under dispensation.

The following recommendations were not concurred in:

Second. The submission of an amendment providing that at least one member of each Committee on Investigation shall see the petitioner personally before reporting.

Third. The submission of an amendment providing that within sixty days after the Master Mason's degree shall have been conferred upon a candidate, the said Master Mason shall pass an examination proving proficiency as such.

Seventh. The submission of an amendment providing that dimitted Master Masons who shall have resided within this Jurisdiction for a period of two years without having affiliated shall be thereby debarred from all rights and privileges of Masonry in this Jurisdiction. *Provided*, they shall not have applied for membership in some Lodge within the two years and been rejected.

The Grand Master announced that fraternal relations had been re-established with all the Grand Lodges of the United States except Delaware. The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington caused almost as much excitement as the famous Morgan episode. The most conspicuous figure in the affair was Brother William H. Upton. From a history of the mat-

ter as furnished by Brother John S. Arthur, the law partner of Brother Upton, we tell the story as briefly as possible :

At the annual meeting in 1897 a letter directed to the Grand Lodge of Washington and signed Con A. Rideout and Gideon S. Bailey, representing themselves as "Free and Accepted Masons of African Descent," was read by the then Grand Secretary, Thomas M. Reed. The writer requested the Grand Lodge to devise some way whereby they, as true and trusty Masons, could be brought in communication with and enjoy fraternal confidence of the members of the Craft in that State. Past Grand Master John Arthur, at the close of the reading of the letter, pointed out that it did not purport to bear any official character, and moved that the Grand Secretary be directed to return the letter to the writers with the respectful statement that it contained nothing which would give the Grand Lodge Jurisdiction for consideration or action. Wm. H. Upton, then Deputy Grand Master, offered an amendment that the letter be referred to a committee of three to report thereon at the next regular communication. The amendment was carried, Past Grand Masters John R. Hayden, Joseph A. Kuhn and John Arthur showing the only signs of dissent. The committee consisted of Grand Secretary Thomas M. Reed, William R. Upton and Past Grand Master James E. Edmiston.

The report exhaustively considered the historical features of the question and recommended four resolutions which were adopted. These resolutions recite that Masonry is universal and not to be limited by tests of race or color; that "this Grand Lodge does not see its way clear to deny or question the right of its constituent Lodges, or of the members thereof, to recognize as brother Masons, negroes who have been initiated in Lodges which can trace their origin to Prince Hall Lodge, No. 459," etc.; that, recognizing the existence of race prejudice, "if regular Masons of African descent desire to establish, within the State of Washington, Lodges confined wholly or chiefly to brethren of their race," etc., and such Lodges eventually form a Grand Lodge of their own, we would not regard their action as an invasion of our territory, but would let them manage their affairs in their own way, provided that they strictly observe the Landmarks; and, finally, "that the Grand Secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication from Gideon S. Bailey and Con A. Rideout, and forward to them a copy of the printed Proceedings of this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as a response to said communication."

To save time, we copied the foregoing summary from Brother McDonald, of Indiana.

As soon as this action was taken, the Associated Press sent the news all over the world that the Grand Lodge of Washington had recognized negro Masonry. There was a blaze of excitement in Masonic circles all over the land. As

fast as the different Grand Lodges met, resolutions of non-intercourse were adopted.

Since then, Brother Upton and the negro petitioners have died, and the Grand Lodge of Washington has rescinded its action. So peace and harmony reign once more.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$11,030.50.

Balance and receipts of Special Charity Fund, \$2,400.05.

Balance and receipts Masonic Home Fund, \$11,220.36.

Total Grand Lodge assets, \$52,784.30.

Action was postponed on the petitions of the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Valle de Mexico for recognition.

Brother Stephen J. Chadwick made an elaborate report on "Recognition of Scottish Rite Masons," and thus concludes:

It will thus be seen, brethren, that the question of recognition is one of policy, rather than legitimacy, and with that you are no doubt abundantly able to deal without suggestion from your committee, but understanding the relation of this committee to the Grand Lodge, I deem it proper to give my views upon the subject.

In the first place, the theory of Masonic government is entirely different under the two obediences. The one is under a Supreme Council, with which we can have no fraternal intercourse. The three degrees are but an incident in the pursuit of the so-called higher degrees, and of necessity it would seem that their beauty and symbolism would be lost in the glare of tinsel, the rustle of silks and weight of titles. With us, we insist that Masonry was originally and is now the three symbolic degrees. That, and nothing else, is Ancient Craft Masonry. Its supreme authority lies in Grand Lodges regularly formed. We cannot commune as Sovereign bodies, and while we cannot sit with the greatest of them, they should not be permitted to affiliate with the least of us.

Brother Henry W. Canfield, Grand Orator, made an instructive address. We make room for the following:

The preservation of our ritual is important, but the ritual is but the means of transmission of Masonic principles and ideals. If the real lessons of Masonry are to be slighted or ignored, it matters but little how soon the forms are forgotten. Should the members of the Order cease to impress the eternal and human truths for which she stands upon the novitiates, and upon each other; should they fail to compel the practice as well as the theory of love and charity; when our ritual descends to the mummerly of mere words, however correctly rendered, and the lofty thoughts and lessons of the Order are slighted; when membership fails to make nobler and better the life of the member; fails to inexorably demand right action of its votaries; when it fails to be an influence for

real good in the community where it has a hold ; when it becomes an organization of self-righteousness, and no longer raises its members to a higher plane as to their fellows ; when pretensions supplants performance ; when zeal gives way to sham, then her mission will be ended, her decay and dissolution will be at hand, and this proud force for civilization and humanity will be a part of the dead past ; a memory among men ; a history ; a record of a great force for good, lost to man through our unworthiness.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged between the Grand Lodges of Washington and Oregon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Stephen J. Chadwick makes a very able report, covering the Proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. Georgia receives due consideration. He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt, and has a good word for this writer. From his conclusion, we quote :

My observation convinces me that a very great number of our fraternity do not understand the true significance and symbolism of our meeting upon the level. To them it is a mere formula of words ; a shifting of bodily position ; a tale that is told ; a meaningless phrase. To those who are wont to reflect upon the significance of our practices, and there is opportunity for thought and study upon the least important of these, the profession that we meet upon the level has a meaning more significant. It means a moral and spiritual level. It means that if we are true and consistent we leave the Lodge room, not *reduced* but *elevated* to the highest standard of manhood attained by the best and purest individual brother. It means that those who have kept their promise to live uprightly before God and man should see to it that the brother who is halting and falling—the weak—should take a higher stand, a place upon the spiritual and moral level of Masonry. The duty is not alone upon the weak ; a higher duty is upon the strong. It is easier for us in our strength to lift those below us than it is for the weak to rise merely by the force of our example. Then why not ask ourselves when we meet, if we are all that our fraternity requires we should be, why should we not search our own hearts and consciences, and if there be fault or flaw, divest ourselves of it by proper use of the mallet—self trial—so that we may stand a true and just brother, equal with and upon the level of those about us.

Most Worshipful Ralph C. McAllaster, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA—1907.

Forty-third Annual.

November 13.

PARKERSBURG.

Present: Most Worshipful Tom G. Strickler, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 134 Lodges.

Brother James A. Bryan, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

A handsome portrait of Brother James A. Bryan, Grand Master and the Representative of Georgia, occupies the initial page.

Twenty special dispensation were held: to lay corner-stones; to dedicate Masonic halls; to constitute Lodges, etc.

In his address the Grand Master stated:

The past year has been a prosperous one in all branches of business, and from the reports received from the District Deputy Grand Masters of their several Districts, I am pleased to inform you that in this Little Mountain State of ours, Masoury is traveling onward and upward.

He paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master George Davis, who died soon after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

Thirty-five dispensations were granted for sundry purposes.

Only two decisions are recorded:

A brother who was engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors prior to the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the resolutions on that subject, to-wit: November 15th; A. D. 1906; A. L. 5906, is not liable to the penalty, as the resolution does not apply to members who were engaged in selling intoxicating liquors at the time of the passage of said resolution.

A brother who has been initiated and passed before the adoption of said resolution, is ineligible to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason while he is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

The Grand Master paid a high tribute to the Order of the Eastern Star, commending the members for their zeal and activity, and their earnest devotion to lofty principles.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$8,912.39.

Charters were issued for five new Lodges, and two more were organized under dispensation.

Fraternal relations were established with the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Valle de Mexico, while recognition was refused the Grand Orients of Greece, Brazil and Paraguay, and the Grand Lodge of Chili.

A suitable jewel was presented to Brother Strickler, the retiring Grand Master.

Total membership, 11,778.

Gain in membership, 791.

The Grand Lodge refused to confirm the action of the Committee on Correspondence granting recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

One of the subordinate Lodges had this by-law :

Before the election of officers, the Secretary shall call over the list of delinquents, and no member who shall be in arrears to the Lodge to the amount of two dollars shall be eligible to any office, or be entitled to vote in any case whatever, provided he has been duly notified of such arrearage.

The Committee on By-Laws thus condemns this regulation :

Your committee does not think this is in harmony with Masonic law. A member not suspended or expelled must be considered in good standing and therefore entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason. Your committee, therefore, recommends that the Lodges in question, and all other Lodges which may have similar provisions in their by-laws, be required to amend them by repealing such section.

Fairmont was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A comprehensive report of 291 pages, covering the Proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, is the good work of Brother H. R. Howard—his second effort.

Under Georgia, for 1906, he says :

Grand Master Meyerhardt's addresses have always been noted for their eloquent and inspiring tone and this year is no exception to his former efforts in this line. His chaste and classical reference to the "Day of Atonement—the great white feast of the Jews," at Jerusalem three thousand years ago, is a gem of imagery, too long to copy here, but I make the following extract.

Increased "prosperity, growing Lodges, splendid officers, earnest Masons" and "the fires of love, charity and enthusiasm burning brightly on every altar" in Georgia, he ascribes to "visitations of the eloquent Grand Master."

In his conclusion, Brother Howard pays his respects to the new fads borrowed from other Associations :

I mention as prominent among some of these innovations: the initiation of persons unable to comply with the ritual without the aid of artificial limbs and appliances; reducing the work of the ritual to cipher, whereby the same becomes legible and intelligible to themselves and others and authorizing its use; changing the Ancient Charges as to the qualifications necessary of a candidate, by prescribing the business he may not engage or be engaged in, and the requirements of documentary evidence in addition to the time-honored way of making one's self known as a Mason.

Most Worshipful James A. Bryan, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful H. R. Howard, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN—1908

Sixty-fourth Annual.

June 9.

MILWAUKEE.

Present: Most Worshipful Spencer M. Marsh, Grand Master; fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 259 Lodges.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, gives a business-like account of his official acts.

For sundry purposes, seventy-four special dispensations were issued. By far the greater number of these requests were for waiver of the constitutional provisions relating to residence of one year within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and two years within the State. Here are some decisions :

3d Question: Is a man who has lost one eye, but who is otherwise physically sound, eligible to receive the degrees?

Answer: No.

4th Question: Should a petition be received from a man who has lost the index finger of the right hand, and who is otherwise physically sound?

Answer: No.

5th. A Lodge receives a petition for affiliation accompanied by dimit under seal of Lodge, together with photograph, etc., as a means of identification. A committee is appointed on the petition and reports favorably. The ballot is clear and he is declared elected, and signs the constitution and by-laws. Thereafter he attends the Lodge of which he has become a member, and an examining committee is appointed. He fails to pass a satisfactory examination.

Question : Is he entitled to a seat in the Lodge?

Answer : Yes. He is a member of the Lodge in good standing and should not be denied admission.

8th. Petitioner is a hotel keeper. Connected with the hotel is a saloon. The license is in the name of petitioner. He takes no part in the management of the saloon or the actual sale of the liquor, but employs a manager who has sole charge of that branch of the business, the petitioner himself attending to the hotel branch of the business.

Question : May the Lodge receive and act upon his petition?

Answer : No. Neither the proprietor or manager is eligible.

As to decision No. 3, could not a man with only one eye comply with all the requirements of the ritual?

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved No. 5 :

We recommend that decision No. 5 be disapproved. No person should be permitted to sit in a Masonic Lodge except he is known to those charged with the duty of purging the Lodge to be a Mason in good standing, without being vouched for or passing satisfactory examination. The Lodge was negligent in electing a person to membership which it did not know to be a Mason. The investigating committee should have ascertained that he was a Mason in good standing before recommending his election to membership.

Of the \$1,000.00 set aside for charity, only \$475.00 had been used.

Of the new members the Grand Master wisely says :

A spirit of brotherly love should constantly prevail. Their conduct should be such as to demonstrate that we are in truth and in fact, and not in form merely, a society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, or *does* ever exist. The new Master Mason should also be instructed before he has been a member of the Lodge for many weeks, as to what constitutes unmasonic conduct, and that in open Lodge. It won't hurt the older members to hear it occasionally.

Thus he discourses on "charity :"

Your Lodge and its membership can teach and practice charity even though you are not growing in numbers, and even though you haven't a surplus dollar in the treasury. The giving of alms is one of the many expressions, but not the essence of this virtue. In the language of Addison, "Charity is a virtue of the heart and not of the hands." If it were not so, none but the wealthy could be charitable to any great extent. Masonic charity is of that quiet, unostentatious type practiced without any demonstration or publicity. Even the giving of alms is usually done by a Masonic Lodge without even the knowledge of the public, and sometimes the recipient does not know who his or her benefactor is. As a commendable virtue compare this sort of charity, if you please, with the immense gifts or endowments by wealthy men to public

institutions, heralded abroad in the newspapers through the press agents of the donor—gifts induced sometimes, I fear, by the anticipation of this publicity, and the direct or indirect benefits that will naturally result therefrom.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 23,974; net gain, 1,000.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$35,144.93.

Total notes and mortgages held by Grand Lodge, \$27,100.

Recognition was refused the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to Brother Edwin J. Farr, Grand Master in 1906.

The memorial pages contain portraits of Past Grand Masters Ganem W. Washburn and Myron Reed, both deceased.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An able and interesting report is made by Brother Aldro Jenks.

Georgia receives due consideration. Of Grand Master Meyerhardt, he says: "His addresses are always carefully prepared, couched in most eloquent language, and full of beautiful sentiment."

In his conclusion, he says:

Another fad is now engaging the attention of those Grand Masters who, placed in the brief possession of autocratic powers, imagine themselves the peer of King Solomon in absolutism, and that is requiring all correspondence between Lodges in their Grand Jurisdictions with Lodges in a Foreign Jurisdiction, to first pass their scrutiny and censorship. This phase of usurpation of the rights of Lodges does not date back longer than a single decade. Lodges need to be on the alert to prevent the growing encroachment upon their ancient rights and prerogatives by Grand Masters and Grand Lodges. Power is very arrogant and aggressive, and this latest phase of usurped authority cannot be too strongly condemned.

Applications for recognition by Foreign Grand Lodges are now scrutinized by committees of Correspondence much more carefully than was the case a few years ago, it being no longer sufficient to claim the prerogatives and powers of a Grand Lodge to have such claim recognized. The rights of such claimants are now carefully investigated, their genealogy traced, their adherence to the landmarks investigated, and their affiliations with other Grand Bodies regarded.

Most Worshipful James E. Durgin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING—1907.

Thirty-third Annual.

September 4.

LANDER.

Present: Most Worshipful Peter S. Cook, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty Lodges.

The frontispiece is a fine picture of Past Grand Master Francis S. King.

In his annual address the Grand Master wisely says:

The question is sometimes asked, by those outside the Order, why the avenues of an institution so good in its nature and design, so correct in its principles, should be guarded with such vigilance; why the mysteries of Masonry, which profess to be founded on principles of universal philanthropy, be not divulged, that all may share its benefits. The answer is not difficult. If all the excellences of our noble art were divulged, there would be some who, being destitute of moral principle and love of order, would not conform to the wholesome laws of the institution, and, therefore, ought not to share its privileges and honors. It is for this reason that I suggest to you, by way of caution, to guard well the outer door.

Here are some decisions:

Question.—At a regular meeting of the Lodge a ballot was taken on a candidate and he was elected to take his degrees. After being elected, a brother, who was present when the ballot was taken, objected to the candidate receiving the degree, the objecting brother being a member of the Lodge.

Answer.—Our Grand Lodge By-Laws do not cover this particular point, but Masonic law is that no man can take any of the degrees of Masonry if any member of the Lodge in which he is to take the degree or degrees objects. I would, therefore, decide that the Lodge cannot confer the degree unless the brother withdraws his objections.

The objecting Brother would have saved some embarrassment by voting a black ball when the election was held, but he had the undoubted right to object afterwards.

Question.—Can a Lodge accept an application from a man who has lost part of the forefinger of his left hand?

Answer.—Yes. By having only lost part of the forefinger of his left hand, it would not in any way prevent him from going through all the ceremonies of the different degrees.

It was also decided that a member could not be elected Master without having been a Warden.

This may be good law in Wyoming, but, in Georgia, every member is eligible to the office of Master.

Six dispensations were issued and two official visitations are recorded.

One Lodge was constituted and another was created by dispensation.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,878.85.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to report.

The Committee on Masonic Home reported as follows :

Your Committee on Masonic Home begs leave to report that, in view of the fact that this Grand Body has never taken any definite action on recommendations heretofore submitted by Grand Masters, we recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated and set aside as the foundation for a special fund to be known as "The Masonic Home Fund," and for the purpose of increasing said fund, we further recommend that every subordinate Lodge be and they are hereby required to pay fifty (50) cents per capita annually towards said fund. We further recommend that a committee of three be appointed to look up locations for said home and submit a report thereon at next Annual Communication.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported this amendment to the By-Laws for adoption :

It shall be the duty of every candidate receiving the Master Mason's degree to pass an examination upon said degree in open Lodge before he shall be entitled to hold office in or dimit from any subordinate Lodge within this Jurisdiction.

After much discussion the amendment was lost.

Sheridan was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Jewels were presented to eight Past Grand Masters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother W. L. Kuykendall makes another excellent report. Georgia is treated with due consideration. We endorse the following taken from his conclusion.

We believe as expressed in former reports that several so-called Grand Lodges have been recognized here and there which are not entitled to be hailed as in the universal class, and that the limit of recognition has already been reached so far as many bodies seeking recognition is

concerned. We are further of the opinion that the heresy of the claimed right of the individual Mason, and not his Grand Lodge, to determine the status of Masons owing obedience to Grand Lodges not recognized by the latter, as regular, should be given attention before it spreads beyond the few who have advanced that doctrine in the face of the obligation they have assumed.

Most Worshipful F. S. King, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful W. L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Masonry is a potent factor in making the world better, and reports from all Jurisdictions show that, with "peace and harmony" as prevailing conditions, the Masonic world is steadily growing in strength. There is one disturbing element, and that is the doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction." As a matter of general interest, we insert the list with the limiting period attached :

LIMITED PERIOD.

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| Maine | 5 years | Georgia..... | 1 year |
| New Hampshire | 5 years | Montana..... | 1 year |
| Massachusetts | 5 years | Arizona..... | 1 year |
| Michigan | 5 years | Tennessee..... | 1 year |
| Oregon | 5 years | Washington..... | 1 year |
| Wisconsin | 5 years | California..... | 1 year |
| Rhode Island..... | 5 years | New Mexico..... | 1 year |
| District of Columbia | 5 years | New York..... | 1 year |
| Arkansas | 5 years | Colorado..... | 6 months |
| Ohio | 3 years | Idaho..... | 6 months |
| Vermont..... | 1 year | Iowa..... | 6 months |
| Florida | 1 year | Kansas..... | 6 months |
| Indiana | 1 year | Oklahoma..... | 6 months |
| North Dakota | 1 year | Utah..... | 6 months |

TERRITORIAL.

Indian Territory.
Nevada.
Virginia.
Kentucky.

Louisiana.
Missouri.
Wyoming.
South Dakota.

PERPETUAL.

North Carolina.
Alabama.
Mississippi.
Texas.
Illinois.
Minnesota.
Nebraska.

Connecticut.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.
South Carolina.
Delaware.
Maryland.
West Virginia.

An example will illustrate the doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction:"

A candidate living in Texas applies for the degrees in Masonry and is rejected. Afterwards, he moves to Georgia. He may be a citizen of Georgia for one year, or twenty years, or forty years. He may develop those exemplary traits of character, which should be typical of a true Mason, but a Lodge in Georgia must not entertain a petition from this good man without having first obtained the consent of the Texas Lodge, which once rejected him.

Georgia allows a candidate residing within its own Jurisdiction to make application again at the end of twelve months, and there does not appear to be any reason why a distinction should be made in case of a candidate, who once resided in another Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

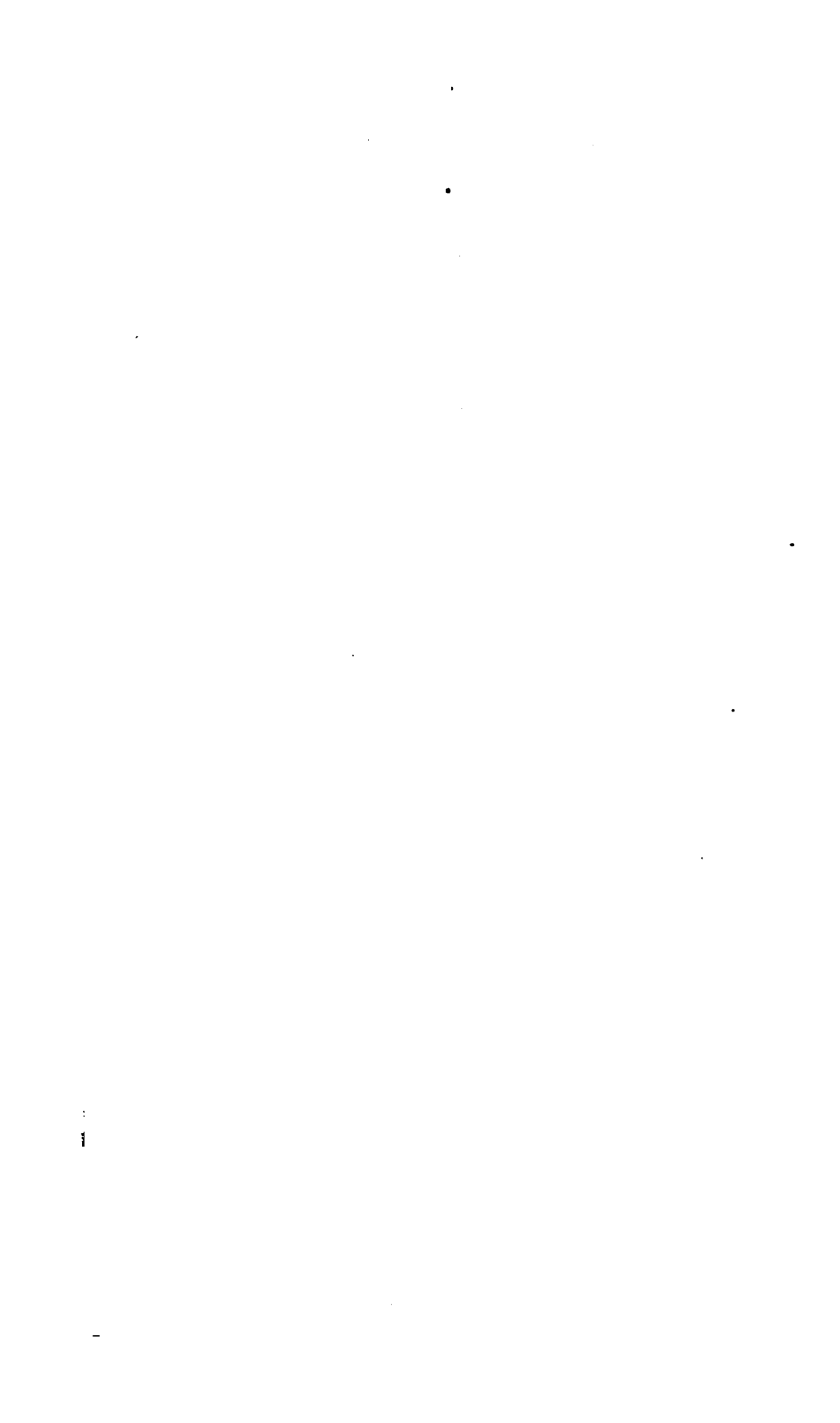
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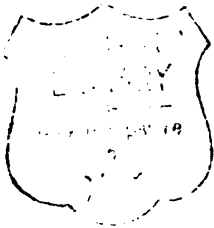
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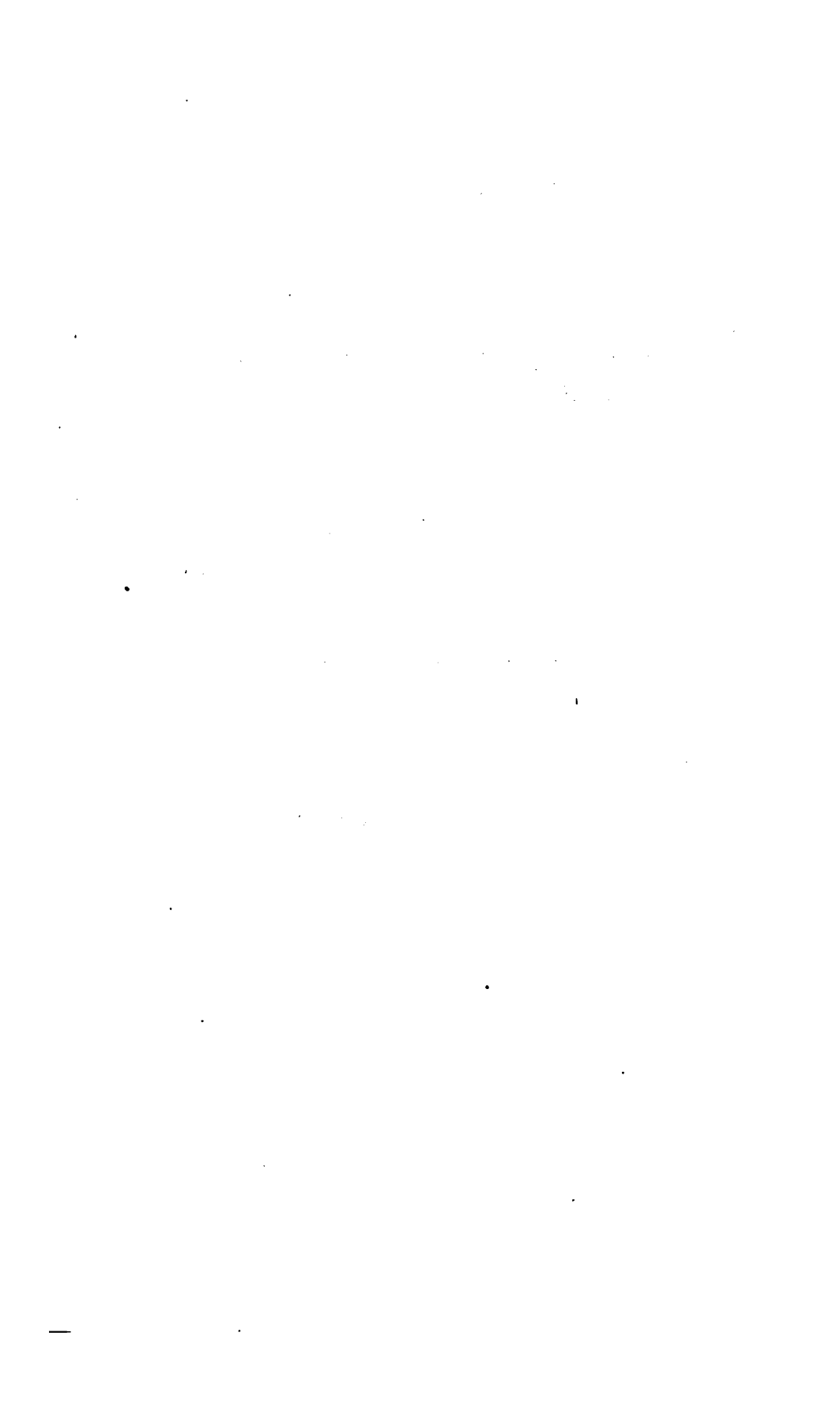
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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

MACON, GA., October 26, 1909.

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia was held in the City Auditorium, in the City of Macon, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, October 26, A. L. 5909.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the Master's Degree, and with prayer by B. F. Thurman, Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| Most Worshipful THOMAS H. JEFFRIES | Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful HENRY BANKS..... | Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful GEO. M. NAPIER..... | Senior Grand Warden |
| Right Worshipful ROBERT L. COLDING..... | Junior Grand Warden |
| Right Worshipful JAMES M. RUSHIN..... | Grand Treasurer |
| Right Worshipful W. A. WOLIHIN | Grand Secretary |
| Worshipful B. F. THURMAN..... | Grand Chaplain |
| Worshipful F. O. MILLER | Senior Grand Deacon |
| Worshipful ROBERT McMILLAN | Junior Grand Deacon |
| Worshipful W. G. ENGLAND | Grand Marshal |
| Worshipful ALFRED JESSOP | First Grand Steward |
| Worshipful FRANK W. COFFIN..... | Second Grand Steward |
| Worshipful J. V. SMITH..... | Third Grand Steward |
| Brother W. F. HOLMES | Grand Tyler |

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

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| Most Worshipful JAMES W. TAYLOR..... | Past Grand Master |
| Most Worshipful MAX MEYERHARDT..... | Past Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful JAMES M. RUSHIN | Past Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful J. E. REDWINE | Past Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful CHARLES P. GORDON | Past Deputy Grand Master |
| Right Worshipful W. B. DANIEL..... | Past Grand Treasurer |

ROLL CALL OF LODGES AND NAMES OF DELEGATES.

The roll of Lodges was called, when the following delegates were found to be present and representing their Lodges:

ROLL.

| <i>No. and Name of Lodge</i> | <i>Name of Delegate</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Solomon's | W. B. Spann, Proxy |
| 1. Social | S. E. Marston |
| 2. Gate City | J. Z. Lawshe, Proxy |
| 3. Benevolent | J. F. Bell, Proxy |
| 4. Rising Star | W. S. Smith, Proxy |
| 5. Macon | John S. Schofield |
| 6. Golden Fleece | C. A. Harwell |
| 7. Columbian | R. J. Hunter, Proxy |
| 8. Orion | L. A. Parker |
| 9. Mount Hope | E. J. Henry |
| 11. Franklin | E. P. Davis |
| 12. Latham | J. D. Perkerson, Proxy |
| 13. Americus | H. E. Allen, Proxy |
| 14. Marion | J. W. Jordan, Proxy |
| 15. Zerubbabel | James W. Thomas |
| 16. Hamilton | L. L. Stanford |
| 17. Darley | Van. M. Fletcher |
| 18. Strict Observance | T. E. Fletcher, |
| 19. Washington | I. R. Bridges |
| 20. Generous Warren | A. B. Mobley |
| 21. Hiram | M. N. Horton |
| 22. Mount Vernon | H. R. Palmer, Proxy |
| 24. Albany | Hugo Robinson |
| 25. Philomatheia | H. P. Hunter |
| 26. Meridian Sun | Lloyd Cleveland |
| 27. Morning Star | W. L. Jenkins, Proxy |
| 28. Union | James E. Rickitson |
| 29. John H. Felts | J. B. Ivey |
| 30. Murrayville | W. H. Stephens |
| 31. Montgomery | E. M. Owen |
| 32. Rising Sun | H. F. Southwell |
| 33. Kennesaw | J. M. Austin, Proxy |
| 34. San Marino | S. A. Torbert |
| 35. Houston | C. E. Brunson |
| 36. Unity | Jesse C. Bennett |
| 37. Fraternal | T. J. Brown |
| 38. Blue Mountain | A. J. Cavender |
| 39. Newborn | P. Wilson, Jr. |
| 40. Chipley | J. B. William, Proxy |
| 41. Pythagoras | C. M. Candler |

| <i>No. and Name of Lodge</i> | <i>Name of Delegate</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 42. Leary | J. T. Bailey |
| 43. West Point | Sam'l T. Hammond |
| 44. LaFayette | W. S. Davenport |
| 45. St. Johns | H. M. Fletcher |
| 46. Oakland | H. C. Sitton, Proxy |
| 48. Landrum | Gordon L. Groover |
| 49. Boman | J. S. Brewster |
| 50. Jasper | Edward Wynn |
| 51. Hiram | C. W. Heard |
| 52. Gladesville | J. I. Niblett |
| 53. Bigham | R. F. Brannan |
| 54. Clinton | Simon N. Gazan |
| 55. Sumach | John H. Harris |
| 57. Walesca | A. O. Moore |
| 58. Hamilton | J. E. Hyman |
| 59. Atlanta | Thomas Evans |
| 60. Coweta | C. J. Owen |
| 61. Chattahoochee | Frank S. Loftin |
| 62. Randolph | J. B. Tanner, Proxy |
| 63. Cartersville | Jos. S. Calhoun |
| 64. Cohutta | W. H. Isbell |
| 65. Travelers's Rest | J. D. Maffett |
| 66. Cherokee | Max Meyerhardt |
| 67. Dawson | H. F. White, Proxy |
| 68. Dawson | W. H. Lloyd, Proxy |
| 69. Carroll | J. D. Hamrick |
| 70. Hollonville | Ellis Moore |
| 71. Goshen | W. T. Freel |
| 72. Villa Rica | Martin Hamrick |
| 73. Glenville | J. J. Barnard |
| 74. Palmetto | J. C. Mixon, Proxy |
| 75. Laurens | W. B. Rogers |
| 76. Campbellton | J. R. Carter |
| 77. Canton | J. M. Williams |
| 78. Buchanan | Alfred Ayers |
| 79. Primrose | J. V. Colvard |
| 80. Weston | R. E. Bridges, Proxy |
| 81. Oak Bowery | W. A. Cox |
| 82. W. P. Arnold | B. L. Reese |
| 83. Zaradatha | W. A. Colquitt |
| 84. Lithonia | G. N. St. John |
| 85. Daniel | B. R. Harper |
| 86. Magnolia | T. F. Coadroy |
| 87. Jonesboro | W. V. Whaley |
| 88. Pinta | W. A. Prout |
| 89. W. D. Luckie | E. M. Willingham |

| <i>No. and Name of Lodge</i> | <i>Name of Delegate</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 90. Ringgold | R. D. Ogletree |
| 91. Western | J. P. Hall |
| 92. Cornelia | J. L. Maxwell, Proxy |
| 93. Hogansville | R. H. Utting |
| 94. New River | J. S. Johnson |
| 95. M. B. Council | F. A. Hooper |
| 96. Georgia | H. C. Stockdell, Proxy |
| 97. Rockmart | J. T. Gibson |
| 98. Lookout | W. A. Simmons |
| 99. Johnnie's Hill | E. C. Hale |
| 100. McRae | A. W. Waller |
| 101. Whiteford | J. B. Burch |
| 102. Chestatee | James A. Cothran |
| 103. Davidson | W. N. Strange |
| 104. Ridgeway | J. L. Brown |
| 105. Dalton | J. A. Longley, Proxy |
| 106. Quitman | E. H. Rood |
| 107. Sardis | D. N. Williams |
| 108. Chapel | C. E. Banks |
| 109. Summerville | N. K. Bitting |
| 110. Fort Valley | F. O. Miller |
| 111. R. E. Lee | W. B. Smith |
| 112. Jesup | A. G. Horton |
| 113. Oostanaula | A. S. Harvey |
| 114. Alleghany | J. Y. Walker |
| 115. Troup Factory | J. A. Estes |
| 116. Richard T. Turner | E. B. Douglas, Proxy |
| 117. Ochlocknee | J. T. Singletary, Proxy |
| 118. Kimbrough | R. E. Moyer |
| 119. Pine View | W. W. Blalock |
| 120. Mackey | A. C. Fincher |
| 121. Caledonia | John L. Tison |
| 122. Mount Olive | G. A. Mathews |
| 123. Baber | H. W. Jernigan, Proxy |
| 124. Furlow | J. A. McDonald |
| 125. Calvin | C. H. Pope |
| 126. Tallapoosa | A. I. Head |
| 127. Ancient York | J. T. Doby |
| 128. Camilla | I. A. Bush |
| 129. Fickling | J. T. Adams |
| 130. Mount Moriah | J. W. Culpepper, Proxy |
| 131. Lawrenceville | V. G. Hopkins |
| 132. Andrew M. Wolihin | Geo. T. Moore |
| 133. Mount Hickory | C. P. Gaines |
| 134. Hunter | W. P. Baldwin, Proxy |
| 135. Fergus | J. B. Gurley |

| <i>Name of Lodge</i> | <i>Name of Delegate</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Pine Log | R. H. Renfro |
| 2. Live Oak | C. M. Tyson |
| 3. Howard | E. H. Bryant |
| 4. Bartlett | E. W. Dean |
| 5. Claremont | Carson Crawley |
| 6. Mount Airy | R. S. Sanders |
| 7. Haralson | T. W. T. Wilson |
| 8. Southwestern | W. H. Gardner |
| 9. Ellerslie | N. G. Oattis |
| 10. Spring Place | F. E. Vonberg |
| 11. Kivlin | J. V. Alexander |
| 12. Broxton | T. J. Young |
| 13. Phi Delta | B. B. Garrison |
| 14. Griffith | J. A. Cook |
| 15. Irwinton | J. E. Butler |
| 16. Doerun | A. H. Hancock |
| 17. Sharon Grove | A. W. Haisten |
| 18. Springville | G. W. Lane, Proxy |
| 19. Oothcaloga | A. H. Chastain |
| 20. Cusseta | W. A. Sapp, Proxy |
| 21. Harmony | Uriah Askew |
| 22. Hall County | J. L. Mauldin |
| 23. Lexington | W. H. Reynolds |
| 24. County Line | J. A. McAlister |
| 25. Chauncey | W. B. Bussey |
| 26. Joppa | R. A. Broach, Proxy |
| 27. Satilla | H. F. Sears, Proxy |
| 28. Twiggs | B. B. Wimberly |
| 29. Roswell | Geo. E. Crowley |
| 30. Webb | J. H. Flythe |
| 31. Floyd Springs | W. L. Selman |
| 32. Adairsville | H. M. Veach |
| 33. Mt. Ebal | W. L. Stinchcomb |
| 34. Rotherwood | J. T. Cowart |
| 35. Adamsville | C. Coryell |
| 36. Cross | W. L. Mardre |
| 37. Redwine | W. W. Holcombe |
| 38. Zabud | C. D. Grant |
| 39. Acworth | H. H. Logan, Proxy |
| 40. Pine Grove | J. P. S. Nash |
| 41. Philologia | W. B. Parker |
| 42. Trenton | R. W. Thurman, Proxy |
| 43. Fairburn | J. T. Longino |
| 44. Milford | J. W. Brooks |
| 45. Dallas | E. H. Robertson |
| 46. High Falls | R. F. Maddox |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 184. St. John the Baptist | O. H. McDonald |
| 185. Cool Springs | S. A. Bryan |
| 186. Carnesville | W. R. Little |
| 187. Center | Dan Gillis |
| 188. Marshall | J. F. Lunsford |
| 189. Hartwell | W. E. Meredith |
| 190. Rochelle | J. N. Evans |
| 191. Rockwell | R. A. Hosch |
| 192. Brooksville | M. E. Tison |
| 193. Coffee | J. J. Boney |
| 194. Worth | W. L. Sikes, Proxy |
| 195. Holmesville | B. H. Patterson |
| 196. Folkston | L. E. Mallard |
| 197. Willacoochee | B. B. Gray |
| 198. Millwood | W. J. Oliver |
| 199. Lumber City | D. P. McArthur |
| 200. Walton | O. E. Lancaster |
| 201. Ocoee | G. W. Tarpley |
| 202. Tunnel Hill | G. W. Head |
| 203. Ashler | J. L. Burney |
| 204. A. J. Miller | W. W. Hardaway |
| 205. Hickory Flat | J. N. Simpson |
| 206. Bowdon | M. L. Moore |
| 207. Marble Hill | G. A. Hays, Proxy |
| 208. Hudson | P. E. Wheeler |
| 209. Alapaha | J. W. Pennington |
| 210. Sycamore | John J. Story |
| 211. Alpine | E. M. Jennings |
| 212. Flowery Branch | T. J. Wayne |
| 213. Ogeechee | J. W. Wilson |
| 214. Ocean | C. D. Ogg |
| 215. Gaulding | E. W. Jones |
| 216. Fulton | W. S. Richardson, Proxy |
| 217. Cochran | T. D. Walker, Proxy |
| 218. Simon Holt | J. W. Loving, Proxy |
| 219. Gainesville | R. D. Griggs |
| 220. Pickens Star | John Mann |
| 221. Sonora | W. H. Hardy |
| 222. Etowah | R. A. Gober |
| 223. Smith | T. F. Carter, Proxy |
| 224. Cassia | S. A. Sweat |
| 225. Attapulgis | W. E. Smith |
| 226. Fort Early | I. F. Goodman |
| 227. Altamaha | M. M. Smith |
| 228. Norcross | J. C. Davenport |
| 229. P. T. Schley | Walter B. Cheatham |

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Auburn | M. J. Etheridge |
| 1. Ancient Landmark | R. L. Denmark |
| 2. Mountain | J. E. Wright, Acting |
| 3. Wood's Station | W. C. Hullender |
| 4. Duncan | W. H. Griffin |
| 5. Alpharetta | Geo. D. Rucker |
| 3. Luthersville | T. J. Murphy |
| 7. Shalto | J. T. Roan |
| 3. Cassia | G. W. McCoy |
| 3. Aural | Aden Garrett |
| 1. Gordon | J. H. Beck |
| 1. Lavonia | L. O. Williford, Proxy |
| 2. Dixie | J. J. Harmon, Proxy |
| 3. Anderson | J. W. Brinson |
| 4. Swainsboro | F. A. Wilkes, Proxy |
| 5. Lawrence | M. A. Caldwell |
| 6. Woodstock | D. J. Haney |
| 7. Eureka | A. W. Godwin |
| 3. Screven | H. G. Edenfield, Proxy |
| 9. Arlington | T. E. Avery |
| 0. Smithville | W. H. Lunsford |
| 1. Sprayberry | G. P. Snead |
| 2. Draketown | J. B. Weaver |
| 3. W. P. Haynes | Z. R. Smith |
| 4. Morven | C. C. McRae |
| 5. Mabel | J. T. Davison |
| 6. Tennille | J. G. Tyler, Proxy |
| 7. Gibson | W. S. Lamb |
| 8. Ivena | H. E. Gill |
| 9. Unicoy | J. J. Kimsey |
| 0. Stilesboro | R. F. Kincannon |
| 1. Ball Ground | C. W. Groover |
| 2. Locust Grove | J. T. Davis |
| 3. Damascus | W. O. Crumbley |
| 4. Summertown | J. A. Brown |
| 5. Rabun Gap | J. C. Dover |
| 6. A. I. Leet | S. P. Hall |
| 7. Salem | E. C. Bridges |
| 8. Carter Hill | J. C. Bedingfield |
| 9. St. John's | Geo. A. Moore |
| 0. Blackshear | W. N. Brown |
| 1. Hinesville | W. W. Zorn |
| 2. Western Light | P. D. Wooten, Acting |
| 3. Friendship | F. M. Chalker, Proxy |
| 4. Waynesboro. ● | Moses C. Cohen |
| 5. Cedar Creek | A. A. Adcock |

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| 276. Harlem | M. H. McElmurry |
| 277. Mobley | T. J. Purdy |
| 278. Chestnut Mountain | Augustus W. Morrow |
| 279. Eastman | John B. Clark |
| 280. Springfield | J. G. Mallory |
| 281. Horeb | J. J. Parramore |
| 282. Sixes | B. F. Rutledge |
| 283. Hazlehurst | T. R. Moore, Proxy |
| 284. Z. T. Phelps | G. W. Schraurm, Proxy |
| 285. Grantville | J. R. Cotton, Proxy |
| 286. Dorminy's Mill | J. E. Dykes |
| 287. Bluffton | H. N. Harrison |
| 288. East Point | A. E. Wilson |
| 289. Douglasville | R. E. Edwards |
| 290. Toombsboro | J. L. Dean |
| 291. Tilton | W. A. Stevens |
| 292. Buford | F. L. Beard, Proxy |
| 293. Rising Fawn | G. A. R. Bible, Proxy |
| 294. Hudson | J. B. Hardman |
| 295. Cassville | Ward Redwine |
| 296. Cordelia | J. L. Carman |
| 297. High Shoals | T. W. Williams |
| 298. Rutland | N. S. Outlaw |
| 299. Cairo | M. J. Pearce |
| 300. Crawfish Spring | Lee H. Dyer |
| 302. Milikin's Creek | J. L. Wolf |
| 303. Bryan | S. B. Shuman |
| 304. Mount Hermon | John S. Jenkins |
| 305. Waycross | A. G. Villee, Proxy |
| 306. Cossawattee | G. A. Middleton |
| 307. Indian Spring | O. M. Duke, Proxy |
| 308. Liberty Hill | J. H. Jessup |
| 309. Toccoa | W. A. Bailey |
| 310. Adel | Robt. F. Jackson |
| 311. Walnut Hill | F. A. Hill |
| 312. Pelham | D. M. Rogers |
| 313. Eureka | M. J. McMillan |
| 314. Meyerhardt | W. B. Griggs |
| 315. Irwinville | J. B. Clements |
| 316. Mount Zion | W. A. Couch |
| 317. Girard | C. W. Buxton |
| 318. Alcova | T. W. Dooly, Proxy |
| 319. Sugar Valley | N. A. Bradford |
| 320. Bussey | W. H. Calloway |
| 331. Greenville | N. F. Culpepper |
| 322. Temple | D. H. Hamrick |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nelms | J. H. Cantrell |
| Vienna | E. G. Green, Proxy |
| Clarksville | W. M. Loggans |
| Kite | H. P. Claxton |
| Hoboken | B. B. Moore |
| Few | J. A. Shepherd, Proxy |
| Vidalia | James M. Meadows |
| Harrison | J. W. Harrison |
| Waco | H. S. Causey |
| Winder | Claud Mayne |
| Davidson | J. R. Jones |
| Ezell | C. H. Avret, Proxy |
| Whitesburg | G. W. Burnett |
| Turin | Z. Christopher |
| Lyerly | J. M. Rose |
| Silver City | B. W. Pirkle |
| Dexter | J. A. Warren |
| Sweat's Mountain | H. J. Dial |
| Handy | J. J. Davis |
| DeWald | M. L. Wallace |
| Primus | W. E. B. Priestner |
| Stillmore | B. L. Brinson |
| Hahira | W. W. Webb |
| Maysville | B. H. Green |
| John H. Jones | A. H. Long |
| Morning Star | John Cochran |
| Sand Hill | W. T. Hendon |
| Texas | J. M. Barton |
| Lula | J. T. Hyder |
| Pine Level | J. H. Hicks, Proxy |
| Lincolnton | R. W. Humphreys |
| Hollingsworth | A. C. Moss |
| Whigham | R. A. Maxwell |
| Lost Mountain | J. S. Pickens |
| Harrison | H. F. Sheppard |
| Washington | M. D. Herring |
| Patillo | A. H. Chapple |
| DeSoto | A. G. Janes, Proxy |
| Flippen | H. S. Rowan |
| Taylor | C. W. Robertson |
| Plainsville | I. D. Smith |
| Walnut Grove | R. M. Carter |
| Ohoopee | G. W. Meadows, Proxy |
| Dooly | M. J. Smith |
| Screven | D. R. Thornton |
| Thomasville | J. J. Stephens, Proxy |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 370. Adrian | B. C. Kea |
| 371. Flint Hill | J. T. Giles |
| 372. Rocky Ford | J. A. Lee |
| 373. Bickley | W. M. Roberts |
| 374. Ocilla | D. J. Henderson, Sr., Prox |
| 375. Siloam | T. D. Joyner |
| 377. Sandy Plains | M. L. McCleskey |
| 378. Sirmons | L. E. Cox |
| 379. Doles | C. T. Amason |
| 380. Ocena | H. M. Zeigler |
| 381. Moultrie | T. H. Parker |
| 382. Yonah | Chas. H. Edwards |
| 383. Dover | S. A. Wilson |
| 384. Seville | J. A. Collins |
| 385. Alexander | Geo. L. Mills |
| 386. Douglas | John M. Hall |
| 388. Reuben Jones | C. M. Jackson |
| 389. Mill Ray | I. S. L. Miller |
| 390. Wolihin | F. W. Worrrill, Proxy |
| 391. Bachlott | E. A. Lewis |
| 392. White House | R. Hightower |
| 393. Milan | W. J. Bush |
| 394. Kingston | L. P. Gaines |
| 395. Warwick | J. N. Ridley, Proxy |
| 396. Coleman | B. L. Brown |
| 397. Rossville | J. B. Langford |
| 398. Davisboro | Amos Walden |
| 399. Forest | J. E. Nabell |
| 400. Nichols | W. M. Brown |
| 401. Concord | R. C. Mathews, Proxy |
| 402. Marchman | J. R. Cole |
| 403. Centrallhatchee | W. B. Hardy |
| 404. Shannon | A. M. Scarborough |
| 405. Harmony | H. S. Bragg |
| 406. Hartsfield | S. L. Hays |
| 407. Yatesville | A. A. Crawford |
| 408. Crawford | J. W. Dickey, Proxy |
| 409. Rhine | J. C. Studstill |
| 410. Bay View | D. I. Dawson |
| 411. Blue Ridge | C. B. Crawford |
| 412. Richmond | A. L. Traylor |
| 413. Griffin | J. L. Davis |
| 414. Stephens | J. A. Sharp |
| 415. Lone Oak | J. L. Prickett |
| 416. Bolton | V. B. Moore |
| 417. Sibbie | G. C. Wilcox |

| <i>and Name of Lodge</i> | <i>Name of Delegate</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Fort Hawkins | F. R. L. Stroberg |
| 1. Rose | J. L. Sapington |
| 1. Woodbury | L. D. Long |
| 1. Sweetwater | G. W. Richardson |
| 2. Norman | J. A. Moss |
| 3. McCays | Boon Crawford |
| 1. Long Cane | Oscar Hairston |
| 3. Oakwood | A. C. Jones |
| 3. Royston | J. F. Lee |
| 7. Amity | Geo. W. Wells |
| 3. Guyton | Robert L. Elkins |
| 3. Sylvan | W. T. Dyer |
| 1. Sincerity | O. M. Moore |
| 1. Henry C. Burr | J. W. Barron |
| 2. Moniac | J. W. Strickland |
| 3. Dacula | L. C. Mauldin |
| 1. Milltown | J. V. Talley |
| 3. Metter | Julian Edenfield |
| 3. Kent | M. L. O'Brien |
| 7. Lenox | J. R. Robinson |
| 3. Roger Wood | John D. Coleman |
| 3. Sparks | O. P. Goodman |
| 1. Egypt | R. G. Cartin, Proxy |
| 1. Riverdale | R. T. Allen |
| 2. Sparta | J. C. Powell |
| 1. Chamblee | O. L. Cowan |
| 3. Lookout Mountain | J. M. Addington |
| 3. Hamby | W. H. Hunter |
| 7. Piedmont | M. T. LaHatte |
| 3. Amity | A. E. Strother |
| 1. Stone Mountain | H. C. Tuggle |
| 1. Byron | W. Y. Allaban |
| 1. Baconton | W. J. Mullin |
| 2. Funston | J. S. Monk |
| 3. Norman | J. L. Butler |
| 1. College Park | J. W. Smith |
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| 3. Summit | B. L. Rountree |
| 3. Meigs | J. N. Pilcher |
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| 1. Buckhead | T. L. Ketchersid |
| 2. Bartow | LeRoy Smith, Proxy |
| 1. Gordon Springs | W. C. Pangle |
| 3. Rebecca | F. H. Taylor |

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| 466. Salem | G. H. McNair |
| 467. Wellington | J. A. Snellings |
| 468. Antioch | W. M. Hadaway |
| 469. Pembroke | J. W. Parish |
| 470. Stonewall | R. L. Bethea, Proxy |
| 471. Howell | S. J. Rizer |
| 472. Sale City | F. A. Perry |
| 473. Pinehurst | W. E. Beacham |
| 474. Jenkinsburg | W. C. Cowan |
| 475. Meansville | J. S. Brooks, Proxy |
| 476. Cambden | J. B. Smith |
| 477. New Home | N. D. Norris |
| 478. Lyons | G. C. Jones, Proxy |
| 479. Glenwood | B. R. Benton |
| 480. Duluth | D. W. Wilson |
| 481. Gordon | C. T. Gurr |
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| 483. Mineral Bluff | J. E. McNelley |
| 484. Suttle | J. M. Jackson |
| 485. Tate | M. S. Long |
| 486. Palestine | W. L. Champion, Proxy |
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| 489. Mansfield | J. W. Henderson |
| 490. County Line | J. J. McCollum |
| 491. Jason Burr | W. A. Maxwell, Proxy |
| 492. Clarkston | C. S. Branyon |
| 493. Butler | J. A. Ross |
| 494. Byromville | L. W. Mobley |
| 495. Elm | W. A. King |
| 496. Metcalfe | W. B. Watkins |
| 498. Pulaski | J. C. Patrick |
| 499. Montrose | T. G. Wade, Proxy |
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| 502. Oliff | B. R. Olliff |
| 503. Newington | T. S. Lindsay |
| 504. Cooledge | I. M. Smith |
| 505. Truth | Gaillard Carter |
| 506. Crest | Emory Long |
| 507. Bogart | S. M. Welborn |
| 508. Zion | H. M. Earnest |
| 509. Eton | L. A. Hartley |
| 510. Dawnville | J. S. Richardson |
| 511. Chappell | W. J. Newsome |
| 512. Concord | B. W. Lockhart, Proxy |

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| 515. Bethel | W. J. Beard |
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| 517. Martin | L. V. Matherson |
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| 519. Zingara | J. C. Bowers |
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| 521. Midville | E. A. Harris |
| 522. Winston | W. K. Burnett |
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| 524. Omega | W. W. Baker |
| 525. Brooklet | John C. Cromley, Proxy |
| 526. Tarrytown | L. Williamson |
| 527. Morris | A. H. Morris |
| 528. Lovett | J. J. Wynn |
| 529. Spread | W. R. Hammett |
| 530. Alma | D. E. McQuarie |
| 531. Mercer | W. A. Dreyer |
| 532. Lucile | W. A. Jardon, Proxy |
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| 534. Blaine | W. M. McLeod |
| 535. Collins | J. H. Williams |
| 536. Helena | Yancey A. Harris |
| 537. John W. Akin | J. M. Dorsey |
| 538. O. W. T. Rogers | W. S. Strickland |
| 539. Bethlehem | J. T. Sauls |
| 540. Minter | J. I. Maddox |
| 541. Newton | Lucius P. Farmer |
| 542. Sweet Gum | J. R. Harper |
| 544. Elm City | Y. C. Givins |
| 545. Thelma | J. L. Gufford |
| 546. Sackville | T. L. Roberts |
| 547. Milner | J. C. Baird, Proxy |
| 548. Haddock | J. D. Anchors |
| 549. Grayson | W. P. Williams |
| 550. Abba | W. R. Luke |
| 551. Bolingbroke | R. C. Mosley |
| 552. Jeffries | J. L. Rhinehardt |
| 553. Ray's Mill | J. M. Patten |
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| 555. Potts' Mountain | H. S. Fonts |
| 556. Lax | J. T. Allen |
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| 559. Jones | L. D. Sims |

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| 563. Finleyson | F. M. Chalker |
| 564. Hebron | L. T. Wright |
| 565. Pine Stretch | W. W. Stephens |
| 566. Campton | C. J. Thompson |
| 567. Ty Ty | C. E. Waters |
| 568. Carlton | R. W. Felton |
| 569. Naylor | G. E. Gupton |
| 570. Eudora | T. W. Dooley |
| 571. Nunez | F. D. Wilkes |
| 572. Duck Town | S. W. Hawkins |
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| 574. Metasville | R. E. Smith |
| 575. Bay Branch | B. F. Joyner |
| 576. Brinson | S. R. Brinson |
| 577. Center | J. G. Davis |
| 578. Juliette | John O'Rear |

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| Alexander, N. P. | Hollingsworth, No. 355 |
| Atchison, J. R. | Daniel, No. 85 |
| Alexander, J. A. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| Axson, B. P. | Ancient Landmark, No. 231 |
| Ashmore, W. L. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| Anthoin, J. W. | Fort Valley, No. 110 |
| Abernathy, R. M. | W. D. Luckie, No. 89 |
| Atkinson, J. M. | Harlem, No. 276 |
| Atkins, W. H. | Friendship, No. 273 |
| Brinson, S. R. | Orion, No. 8 |
| Bragg, W. A. | Sincerity, No. 430 |
| Britt, E. W. | Blue Ridge, No. 411 |
| Brown, F. McC. | Ocean, No. 214 |
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| Bonner, Fred. | Houston, No. 35 |
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| s, J. H. | Sprayberry, No. 251 |
| J. F. L. | Jno. H. Jones, 348 |
| ett, R. H. | Mount Moriah, No. 130 |
| ell, J. A. | Kennesaw, No. 33 |
| n, M. S. | Fort Valley, No. 110 |
| ood, J. H. | Arabi, No. 387 |
| y, A. H. | Jasper, No. 50 |
| ett, A. L. | Bartlett, No. 139 |
| , T. J. | Chestatee, No. 102 |
| p, R. R. | Zion, No. 508 |
| n, R. B. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| , Frank F. | Dalton, No. 105 |
| , S. J. | Millikin's Creek, No. 302 |
| n, J. E. | Texas, No. 351 |
| ett, C. L. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| W. M. | Hogansville, No. 93 |
| , Geo. P. | Mt. Zion, No. 316 |
| y, X. J. | A. M. Wolihin, No. 132 |
| ck, L. J. | Americus, No. 13 |
| ett, H. | Bethel, No. 515 |
| shear, W. S. | Rochelle, No. 190 |
| orth, J. K. | Holmesville, No. 195 |
| oin, Joe P. | Adairsville, No. 168 |
| e, W. A. | Cooledge No. 504 |
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| more, W. C. | Shannon, No. 404 |
| C. L. | Clarksville, No. 323 |
| n, Oscar | Phi Delta, No. 148 |
| ett, A. N. | Silver City, No. 339 |
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| n, R. A. | Buford, No. 292 |
| i, W. M. | Dover, No. 383 |
| ett, L. W. | Mabel, No. 255 |
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| rd, N. H. | Ocean, No. 214 |
| i, J. B. C. | Ocean, No. 214 |
| , J. L. | Shannon, No. 404 |
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| Clements, J. Clayton | Lumber City, No. 199 |
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| Camp, B. L. | Whitesburg, No. 336 |
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| Crouch, J. T. | Taylor, No. 363 |
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| Carpenter, S. V. | Coweta, No. 60 |
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| Cobb, J. L. | Carroll, No. 69 |
| Carter, J. R. | Rotherwood, No. 170 |
| Christian, J. V. | Cornelia, No. 92 |
| Cantrell, A. S. | Yonah, No. 382 |
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| Comas, P. H. | Holmesville, No. 195 |
| Creel, J. W. | Riverdale, No. 441 |
| Camp, J. M. | Campbellton, No. 76 |
| Craven, W. L. | Goshen, No. 71 |
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| Chaffee, W. H. | Tallapoosa, No. 126 |
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| ehoo, J. W. | Bolton, No. 416 |
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| r, J. W. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| , J. L. | Orion, No. 8 |
| en, Frank | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| is, E. T. | Sincerity, No. 430 |
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| am, A. J. | Acworth, No. 176 |
| an, C. A. | Whitesburg, No. 336 |
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| , Carl | Mabel, No. 255 |
| , Jno. A. | Macon, No. 5. |
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| Gaines, W. F. | Mackey, No. 120 |
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| Huie, J. H. | Forest, No. 399 |
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| . B. | Maysville, No. 347 |
| son, A. C. | Harrison, No. 331 |
| erson, R. L. | Ocilla, No. 374 |
| ey, D. A. | Mount Ebal, No. 169 |
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| S. B. | Furlow, No. 124 |
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| r, O. M. | Fort Valley, No. 110 |
| C. T. | Cochran, No. 217 |
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| on, G. A. | Adel, No. 310 |
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| Martin, J. J. | Murrayville, No. 30 |
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| Murrell, R. D. | Newborn, No. 39 |
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| Mitchell, W. H. | Douglasville, No. 289 |
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| Moore, J. P. | Jonesboro, No. 87 |
| Mikel, H. B. | Arabi, No. 387 |
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| ox, W. C. | Sardis, No. 107 |
| ox, C. L. | Folkston, No. 196 |
| ell, F. P. | M. B. Council, No. 95 |
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| , B. T. | Jno. H. Jones, No. 348 |
| y, W. H. | Harmony, No. 405 |
| , Z. B. | Atlanta, No. 59 |
| n, S. H. | Sharon Grove, No. 152 |
| an, W. T. | Wolihin, No. 390 |
| in, W. | Jenkinsburg, No. 474 |
| al, J. T. | Cassia, No. 238 |
| llan, Robert | Clarksville, No. 325 |
| een, M. A. | Vidalia, No. 330 |
| my, R. N. | Sumach, No. 55 |
| lland, J. E. | Stone Mountain, No. 449 |
| tchen, P. T. | Coweta, No. 60 |
| nald, J. E. | Byron, No. 450 |
| llum, A. S. | Baconton, No. 451 |
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| uin, W. R. | Pelham, No. 312 |
| nald, J. Y. | Turin, No. 337 |
| thur, R. | Gordon Springs, No. 463 |
| ster, C. A. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| ire, R. N. | Etowah, No. 222 |
| tire, J. C. | Sumach, No. 55 |
| nald, K. M. | Smithville, No. 250 |
| rmack, M. | Sparks, No. 439 |
| urtrey, J. W. | Chamblee, No. 444 |
| nley, E. C. | Gladesville, No. 52 |
| as, J. R. | Gay, No. 465 |
| t, E. A. | M. B. Council, No. 95 |
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| ally, C. C. | Hollingsworth, No. 355 |
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| Ovear, John | Rotherwood, No. 170 |
| Peek, A. J. W. | Macon, No. 5 |
| Peacock, E. J. | Eastman, No. 279 |
| Patterson, B. L. | Lawrenceville, No. 131 |
| Phillips, C. B. | Washington, No. 19 |
| Prince, E. L. | Morganton, No. 201 |
| Puckett, H. F. | Forest, No. 399 |
| Pope, C. W. | Calvin, No. 125 |
| Pearce, D. F. | Carroll, No. 69 |
| Pool, A. J. | Auburn, No. 230 |
| Ponder, J. O. | Strict Observance, No. 18 |
| Prine, B. F. | Alapaha, No. 209 |
| Porter, R. B. | Lawrence, No. 245 |
| Page, J. H. | Harmony, No. 405 |
| Perry, F. J. | Fort Early, No. 226 |
| Pope, R. E. | Tennille, No. 256 |
| Phillips, E. M. | Rose, No. 419 |
| Parker, W. M. | Vaughan, No. 277 |
| Price, J. R. | Flippen, No. 362 |
| Pope, D. T. | Haralson, No. 142 |
| Paulk, G. A. | Eureka, No. 313 |
| Pate, J. G. | Eureka, No. 313 |
| Rutherford, T. R. | Meyerhardt, No. 314 |
| Rainey, B. | Acworth, No. 176 |
| Raines, J. F. | Tennille, No. 256 |
| Rollins, J. S. | Dawnville, No. 510 |
| Ritch, Geo. | Screven, No. 368 |
| Ryle, S. G. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Ryle, J. G. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Rogers, G. W. | Pine Level, No. 353 |
| Roberts, J. Ben. | Battle Hill, No. 523 |
| Richardson, J. R. | Pine Log, No. 136 |
| Riggs, J. Q. | Bremen, No. 456 |
| Reeves, Henry | Union, No. 28 |
| Rich, A. J. | Salem, No. 267 |
| Smith, Jno. | Gordon, No. 240 |
| Swatts, R. L. | Pinta, No. 88 |
| Shannon, Jno. R. | Zabud, No. 175 |
| Sappington, J. S. L. | Sparta, No. 442 |
| Smith, R. A. | Zabud, No. 175 |
| Smith, W. H. | S. G. Kent, No. 501 |
| Sikes, W. L. | Worth, No. 194 |
| Strickland, W. S. | O. W. T. Rogers, No. 538 |
| Stoval, J. G. | A. J. Miller, No. 204 |
| Studatill, W. H. | Milan, No. 393 |
| Simmons, J. D. | Gate City, No. 2 |

Masters

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| ons, W. A. | Clarksville, No. 316 |
| as, C. I. | Sylvan, No. 429 |
| ens, J. R. | Sycamore, No. 210 |
| ens, W. H. | Fort Early, No. 226 |
| , J. R. | Arabi, No. 387 |
| ens, J. A. | Fort Early, No. 226 |
| ens. Henry | Kite, No. 327 |
| l. W. T. | Siloam, No. 375 |
| , Robt. H. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| rt, A. W. | Mill Ray, No. 389 |
| , B. L. | Ocoee, No. 201 |
| , J. V. | Mineral Bluff, No. 483 |
| ons, D. W. | Oostanaula, No. 113 |
| , J. A. | Minter, No. 540 |
| d, F. H. | Swainsboro, No. 244 |
| S. A. | Adrian, No. 370 |
| ard, G. L. | Albany, No. 24 |
| rt, E. R. | FurLOW, No. 124 |
| ll, J. R. B. | Turin, No. 337 |
| eld, J. M. | Oakwood, No. 425 |
| aves, R. B. | Bolton, No. 416 |
| ens, T. S. | Griffin, No. 413 |
| J. A. | Marion, No. 14 |
| i, W. A. | FurLOW, No. 124 |
| ons, T. J. | Summerville, No. 109 |
| ens, J. C. | Southwestern, No. 143 |
| ey, E. W. | Dexter, No. 340 |
| rr, E. T. | Eureka, No. 247 |
| erg, C. F. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| as, W. H. | Whitesburg, No. 336 |
| nson, W. M. | Cordelia, No. 296 |
| en, Z. T. | Gibson, No. 257 |
| en, H. N. | Minter, No. 540 |
| as, G. J. | Butler, No. 493 |
| . C. C. | Western, No. 80 |
| in, Joshua | Butler, No. 493 |
| erlin, Jno. A. | Western Light, No. 272 |
| r, C. P. | Piedmont, No. 447 |
| as, D. A. N. | Jersey, No. 497 |
| rt, J. N. | Morning Star, No. 341 |
| ison, T. T. | Sardis, No. 107 |
| , J. S. | Solomon, No. 1 |
| r, Hugh | Luthersville, No. 236 |
| r, J. G. | Horeb, No. 281 |
| an, B. F. | Western, No. 91 |
| dge, R. S. | Jasper, No. 50 |

*Past Masters**Lodges*

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| Tilly, R. B. | Mackey, No. 120 |
| Taylor, R. H. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Thomason, A. J. | Ashler, No. 203 |
| Thornton, J. J. | Patillo, No. 360 |
| Taylor, F. | Auburn, No. 230 |
| Threadgill, W. H. | Bussey, No. 320 |
| Vining, R. E. | Hudson, No. 208 |
| White, L. E. | Kivlin, No. 146 |
| Wilson, R. A. | Mount Hope, No. 9 |
| Ward, J. W. | Sharon Grove, No. 152 |
| Weldon, E. B. F. | Ringgold, No. 90 |
| Wilby, Frank | Fulton, No. 216 |
| Waits, L. C. | Adamsville, No. 171 |
| Watkins, M. D. | County Line, No. 159 |
| Whatley, T. M. | Claremont, No. 140 |
| Wright, J. V. | Troup Factory, No. 115 |
| Warnock, D. F. | Tarrytown, No. 526 |
| Walker, J. T. | Saint John, No. 269 |
| Williams, S. P. | Adel, No. 310 |
| Walker, Jas. P. | Western, No. 80 |
| Wood, H. M. | Piedmont, No. 447 |
| Welchell, H. C. | Douglas, No. 386 |
| Woods, W. C. | Siloam, No. 375 |
| Walker, Thos. | Western Light, No. 272 |
| Waldrop, J. M. | Buchanan, No. 78 |
| Williamson, J. F. | Fort Early, No. 226 |
| Williams, W. L. | Mount Hermon, No. 304 |
| Weir, M. A. | Mabel, No. 255 |
| Ware, E. A. | Meridian Sun, No. 26 |
| Williams, W. T. | Sycamore, No. 210 |
| Warren, Lott | Sycamore, No. 210 |
| Whitten, G. W. | Luthersville, No. 236 |
| Walker, M. A. | Marshall, No. 188 |
| Widner, J. N. | Damascus, No. 263 |
| Walton, J. P. | Bigham, No. 53 |
| Wilson, J. M. | Dacula, No. 433 |
| Worley, J. T. | Sixes, No. 282 |
| Walker, W. S. | Mountain, No. 232 |
| Ward, Geo. | Fort Hawkins, No. 418 |
| Wilkinson, Jno. R. | Gate City, No. 2 |
| Wilson, J. H. L. | Calvin, No. 125 |
| Williams, C. H. | Tifton, No. 47 |
| Wilkes, L. H. | Rising Sun, No. 32 |
| Wheeler, J. D. | Kite, No. 327 |
| Weaver, J. L. | Holmesville, No. 195 |
| Walden, K. P. | Cassia, No. 238 |

Past Masters

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| Wilson, W. W. | Buford, No. 292 |
| Whitaker, G. A. | St. John the Baptist, No. 184 |
| Ware, N. H. | Pelham, No. 312 |
| Williams, W. J. | Eastman, No. 279 |
| Williams, T. J. | Rising Sun, No. 32 |
| Wynne, H. H. | Mount Hope, No. 9 |
| Wight, W. S. | Cairo, No. 299 |
| Wood, A. J. | Liberty Hill, No. 308 |
| Young, E. J. | Ocilla, No. 374 |
| Young, Thos. | Broxton, No. 147 |
| Young, T. H. | Fairburn, No. 180 |
| Zachry, W. D. | Hogansville, No. 93 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Grand Lodges

Representatives

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| Alabama | James W. Taylor |
| Alberta | A. Q. Moody |
| Arkansas | J. A. Longley |
| Arizona | D. W. Simmons |
| California | R. H. Taylor |
| Canada | R. A. Henderson |
| Colorado | E. H. Robertson |
| Connecticut | George M. Napier |
| Costa Rica | Thomas H. Young |
| Delaware | H. L. Culbertson |
| District of Columbia | Oscar E. Dooly |
| England | Max Meyerhardt |
| Egypt | A. J. Baxter |
| Florida | W. E. Smith |
| Germany | R. I. Battle |
| Idaho | J. J. Nunnally |
| Illinois | Wm. H. Caffee |
| Indiana | James L. Mayson |
| Indian Territory | James M. Rutshin |
| Ireland | W. A. Wolihin |
| Italy | J. D. Hamrick |
| Kansas | Henry Banks |
| Maine | W. B. Kent |
| Maryland | J. S. Gaulding |
| Missouri | T. W. Dooley |
| Montana | M. McCormack |
| Nebraska | W. B. Haygood |
| New Brunswick | W. G. England |
| New Hampshire | F. M. Chalker |

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> |
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| New Jersey | W. L. Selman |
| New York | Robert L. Colding |
| North Carolina | Thomas H. Jeffries |
| North Dakota | B. H. Patterson |
| Nova Scotia | E. J. Fuller |
| Ohio | James B. Clements |
| Oklahoma | J. B. Roberts |
| Prince Edward's Island | L. J. Blalock |
| Queensland | L. P. Gaines |
| Rhode Island | W. B. Chapman |
| Saskatchewan | Jno. B. Clarke |
| Saxony | J. E. Redwine |
| Scotland | Joseph C. Greenfield |
| Western Australia | A. G. Villee |
| Tamaulipas | J. R. Stephens |
| Texas | F. O. Miller |
| Utah | Chas. P. Gordon |
| Victoria | R. E. Edwards |
| Virginia | Jno. R. Wilkinson |
| Washington | R. D. Murrell |
| West Virginia | Jno. E. McClelland |
| Wisconsin | |

DISTRICT DEPUTIES PRESENT.

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| First District | A. J. MOONEY |
| Second District | J. W. PETTY |
| Third District | L. J. BLALOCK |
| Fourth District | W. L. WILLIAMS |
| Fifth District | CHARLES E. HALL |
| Sixth District | H. M. FLETCHER |
| Seventh District | F. F. BAKER |
| Eighth District | B. F. MOSELEY |
| Ninth District | ROBERT McMILLAN |
| Tenth District | W. F. LITTLE |
| Eleventh District | N. H. BALLARD |

READING OF THE MINUTES DISPENSED WITH.

Brother Joe P. Bowdoin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Communication be dispensed with, as printed copies of the same are in the hands of the Delegates.

COURTESY EXTENDED.

Most Worshipful Brother James W. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good and regular standing in their subordinate Lodges be invited to seats in this Grand Body during the present session as visitors.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master read his annual address :

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M.:

MY BELOVED BRETHREN: This auspicious hour marks the beginning of the ending of another year in the history of our Grand Lodge. A year that has been, as the years ago, fraught with much of good and ill, more of good than ill.

Retrospecting the past, we find much that sober after thought has adjudged unwise; we see many opportunities for good that passed unheeded at the time. These are the scars that failure has left upon our lives, which eternity alone can efface. Again we behold the good we have tried to do. We see the garnered grain of our planting, our toil, harvested and safely stored away.

We gather today to celebrate the joyous harvest feast. We can only enjoy the fruits of earnest, honest toil, of the consciousness of having done our best.

We have been

"Sowing the seed by the daylight fair,
Sowing the seed by the noon-day glare,
Sowing the seed by the fading light,
Sowing the seed in the solemn night;
Sowing the seed with an aching heart,
Sowing the seed while the tear drops start,
Sowing in hope till the reapers come
Gladly to gather the harvest home."

Our hearts exclaim:

"Oh, What shall the harvest be?"

We pause—the answer comes,

"Sown in the darkness or sown in the light,
Sown in our weakness or sown in our might,
Gathered in time or eternity,
Sure, ah, sure will the harvest be."

There is no labor lost; each act must have its sure reward. The work of each craftsman must meet the Overseer's square.

"So unto Thee, O Lord, this day,
A year of labor here we bring;
And at Thy feet the gift we lay;
Accept, O Lord, the offering."

When we contemplate Masonry as the ancient and honorable ancestor of all the fraternities of men; consider the power and influence which it has wielded in the creation and consummation of the glorious civilization we enjoy, our hearts rejoice within us that we have been permitted to

enjoy its privileges, to partake of its advantages and share in its glory.

Its antecedents are ancient and honorable; its precepts wise and salutary; its tenets pure and catholic. Its mission is that of bearing light to mankind; to teach the loftiest moral virtues and incorporate them in the lives of men, and make them the measure of their actions. Its dogma is faith in God and love for fellow men. It is the author of no creed, the adherent of no sect, the preacher of no religion save the religion of humanity. It denies to no man the freedom of conscience, the liberty to think for himself, the privilege to form his own conclusions. Upon its royal seat, Reason sits enthroned. Upon its sacred altars rests the holy word of God. Masonry believes that God is a Paternal Being, the Father of Mankind. Masonry teaches that all men are the children of God and that the souls of men are the emanations from His Spirit. Masonry ascribes to God the perfection of every virtue. It demands of the child of God that idealism which is attained by the selecting and assembling in one individual all the beauties and perfections which are to be derived from the Divine Kinship.

Masonry is the friend and co-adjutor of all that is good; a promoter, not an antagonizer; a peace maker, not a disturber.

The hand of Masonry is clasped with the hand of every man who would uplift humanity, who would honor God and bring blessings to mankind.

Our ancient Craft sprang from an association of working men—men, who were taught to work diligently, live creditably and to act honorably. The birthright of Masonry is achievement. As the purpose of the builders of old was to benefit mankind in providing shelter and protection from the vicissitudes of seasons, so the purpose of our Science is to shield and protect men from the evil forces that beset them from within and without.

As toil and industry, coupled with intelligence, characterized their labors, so diligence, assiduity and intelligence must characterize our efforts in the noble and glorious work in which we are engaged.

Masonry is a "Spirit that lives throughout, vital in every part." It must work or die.

The individual is the unit, and in each unit, must exist this vital force, this living principle. The units joined together by the cement of brotherly love, forms the perfect whole, pregnant with virile power that achieves something, an invincible, irresistible force that conquers every foe and defies all opposition.

Would that the old Craft could wake to a realization of its matchless power. Would that each individual Mason could get an insight into the possibilities of his own marvelous power.

"Trust in thine own untried capacity
As thou would'st trust in God Himself,
Thy soul is but an emanation from the whole,
Thou dost not dream what forces lie in thee,
Vast and unfathomed as the grandest sea,

Thy silent mind o'er diamond caves may roll,
 Go seek them—but let pilot will control
 Those passions which thy favoring winds can be,
 No man shall place a limit in thy strength;
 Such triumphs as no mortal ever gained
 May yet be thine if thou wilt but believe
 In thy Creator and thyself. At length
 Some feet will tread all heights now unattained.
 Why not thine own? Press on; Achieve! Achieve!"

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

I rejoice that the Dread Messenger has been a less frequent visitor to our Sister Jurisdictions during the past year.

"Death loves a shining mark." Many of the great and good have crossed the dark river.

Those reported to me are as follows:

November 12, 1908, Past Grand Master Wm. E. Anderson, Florida.

November 23, 1908, Past Grand Secretary Loyal L. Munn, Illinois.

December 21, 1908, Deputy Grand Master Jno. S. Taylor, Wyoming.

December 31, 1908, Past Grand Master Jacob Mayer, Oregon.

January 7, 1909, Grand Secretary Felix M. Iglesias, Mexico.

January 15, 1909, Past Grand Master Jno. Chas. Davis, Wyoming

January 19, 1909, Past Grand Master Simeon S. Johnson, Indiana.

January 26, 1909, Past Grand Master James Lewis Gould, Connecticut.

February 10, 1909, Past Grand Master Joseph J. Couch, New York.

April 8, 1909, Past Deputy Grand Master Henry Brown, Nebraska.

May 8, 1909, Past Grand Master Bradner D. Slaughter, Nebraska.

June 16, 1909, Past Grand Master Francis M. Zuck, Arizona.

July 27, 1909, Past Grand Master Rufus E. Anderson, Missouri.

August 3, 1909, Grand Tyler James W. Null, Arkansas.

August 4, 1909, Grand Lecturer Melvin Edwards, Colorado.

August 14, 1909, Past Grand Master Edmund P. McQueen, Tennessee.

August 16, 1909, Past Grand Master William M. Cunningham, Ohio.

"I cannot say, I will not say,
 That they are dead, they're just away;
 With a cherished smile, and a wave of the hand,
 They stepped away to a better land,
 And left us wondering how very fair
 The land must be since they linger there."

NECROLOGY.

"Ah! What is human life?
 How, like the dial's tardy moving shade,
 Day after day slides by us unperceived.
 The cunning fugitive is swift by stealth,
 Too subtle in its movement to be seen:
 Yet soon the hour is up—and we are gone."

The deaths of the following Worshipful Masters have been reported to me:

Jas. M. Bradley, of Mountain Lodge, No. 232, on July 17, 1909.

W. D. Wells, of Smithville Lodge, No. 250.

Brother Bradley was serving his sixth consecutive term as Master of his Lodge, and was held in high esteem by his brethren, and was a pillar of strength for Masonry in his section.

Brother Wells was serving his second term as Master of his Lodge. He was modest and unassuming in his nature, but his noble life and cheerful disposition won for him the abiding love of his brethren.

A benign Providence has smiled upon the official family of the Grand Lodge. All have been spared to come again and enter upon the performance of their official duties. For this mercy we do most devoutly thank our Heavenly Father.

Among those of our brethren who had wrought long in the quarry of life and who had devoted much of time and intelligent labor to the Craft, who were members of this Grand Lodge, and had attained marked distinction in the Concordant Orders of Masonry, are Past Grand High Priest A. M. Lambdin, and Past Grand Commander Wm. S. Rockwell.

Brother Lambdin was an honored member of this Grand Lodge, a constant attendant, and faithful worker for its best interest. As Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, he was for many years the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that body.

He fell asleep far away in Texas, while on a visit to his son.

Many live to mourn the loss of the scholarly, loving, loyal Lambdin.

Wm. S. Rockwell, Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templars of Georgia, and the Grand Recorder, and Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, was the son of the illustrious father whose full name he bore. He inherited a love of Masonry and devoted much of his life to the enhancement of it in its various branches. For several years, he had been a regular attendant upon the sessions of this Grand Lodge, taking a lively interest in all its affairs.

A Southern gentleman of the old school, he bore a becoming dignity, but within was a soul so lighted by the ardor of his love, that none knew him but to love him.

By the side of his father and mother, in old Milledgeville, they laid him away till the Master calls.

“One by one our loved ones fall,
No one hears the door that opens
When they pass beyond our call;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one our loved ones fall.”

DISPENSATIONS.

TO CONSTITUTE NEW LODGES.

The seventeen Lodges, to which charters were granted at the last Grand Communication, were duly constituted, by proper dispensation, as follows:

November 2, 1908, Elm City Lodge, No. 544, by Right Worshipful Henry Banks.

November 4, 1908, Sackville Lodge, No. 546, by Worshipful J. D. Hamrick.

November 5, 1908, Helena Lodge, No. 536, by Worshipful Thomas Walker.

November 7, 1908, Lucile Lodge, No. 532, by Worshipful W. A. Jordan.

November 11, 1908, Minter Lodge, No. 540, by Worshipful S. A. Scott.

November 13, 1908, O. W. T. Rogers Lodge, No. 538, by Worshipful T. P. Hudson.

November 18, 1908, Collins Lodge, No. 535, by Worshipful F. H. Saffold.

November 20, 1908, Milner Lodge, No. 547, by Worshipful R. L. Swatts.

November 20, 1908, Red Hill Lodge, No. 533, by Worshipful W. E. Duncan.

November 21, 1908, Blaine Lodge, No. 534, by Worshipful John Cochran.

November 28, 1908, Bethlehem Lodge, No. 539, by Worshipful C. M. Jackson.

December 1, 1908, Sweet Gum Lodge, No. 542, by Worshipful J. V. Smith.

December 2, 1908, Jno. W. Akin Lodge, No. 537, by Worshipful R. E. Adair.

December 2, 1908, Newton Lodge, No. 541, by Worshipful I. A. Bush, Sr.

December 5, 1908, Panthersville Lodge, No. 543, by Most Worshipful T. H. Jeffries.

December 28, 1908, Mercer Lodge, No. 531, by Worshipful J. B. Park.

December 30, 1908, Thelma Lodge, No. 545, by Worshipful Wm. B. Kent.

FOR NEW LODGES.

January 18, 1909, at Chester, Dodge County.

January 19, 1909, at Aaron's Station, Bulloch County.

February 6, 1909, at Bronwood, Terrell County.

February 8, 1909, at Colbert, Madison County.

March 15, 1909, at Lax, Coffee County.

March 25, 1909, at Naylor, Lowndes County.

March 27, 1909, at Bolingbroke, Monroe County.

April 12, 1909, at Nunez, Emanuel County.

April 14, 1909, at Ty Ty, Tift County.

April 30, 1909, at Center, Jackson County.

May 6, 1909, at Bay Branch, Screven County.

May 6, 1909, at Alamo, Montgomery County.

June 1, 1909, at Metasville, Wilkes County.

June 1, 1909, at Abba, Irwin County.

June 22, 1909, at Duck Town, Forsyth County.

July 22, 1909, at Ray's Mill, Berrien County.

August 10, 1909, at Brinson, Decatur County.

Each of the above applications, with accompanying fees, has been turned over to the Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

To Etowah Lodge, No. 222, to elect a Worshipful Master, because of the permanent removal of the Worshipful Master thereof.

To Elm Lodge, No. 495, to elect a Worshipful Master, because of the permanent removal of the Worshipful Master thereof.

To Cordelia Lodge, No. 296, to elect a Worshipful Master, because of the permanent removal of the Worshipful Master thereof.

To Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to elect a Treasurer, Worshipful Brother Levi Cohen, Treasurer thereof, having died.

MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS.

The Lodges have again availed themselves of the right to apply for Special Dispensations to a large degree.

The large amount of work that has been done by many of the Lodges has made it necessary to grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon large classes at a single communication, to an unusual extent. This necessity occurs mainly in the cities where several Masonic Bodies occupy the same building and practically every night taken by a regular meeting, making it impracticable to hold the necessary called meetings to distribute the work.

In the matter of granting dispensations to confer degrees "out of time," our practice has grown to be the "laughing stock" of other Grand Jurisdictions. Last year I deplored the many requests for such dispensations. This year it has become a positive grief. I have been absolutely overwhelmed with requests of this kind. Some I have refused. All I have granted, was with great reluctance. The practice has become so common, in Georgia, that some Masters almost demand it, others plead precedent, which is undeniable.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge, by resolution, or law, stamp the work of its disapproval upon this practice, and permit such dispensations only for the most urgent and imperative reason, and that a dispensation issue, under no circumstance, to confer more than one degree upon the same candidate at one communication.

The dignity of the Craft and the welfare of the candidate, each, demand a correction of the evil inveighed.

In almost every instance where I have granted a dispensation to confer a degree "out of time," I have required that the candidate be required to stand the usual examination and receive election as required by law. I have insisted, as strenuously as possible, upon the proper instruction to candidates before they were advanced, hence, the evil

done is not so enormous as would appear from the simple statement of the granting of the dispensation. Nevertheless, the practice must be checked. Candidates must be taught that the Lodge is of more importance than the candidate and the laws of Masonry rather to be observed than to subserve the convenience and pleasure of candidates.

November 3, 1908, to Meigs Lodge, No. 459, to move into new hall.

November 6, 1908, to Hartsfield Lodge, No. 406, to open at 10:00 A. M., instead of 2:00 P. M.

November 6, 1908, to Americus Lodge, No. 13, to hold election on December 11, instead of December 25.

November 11, 1908, to Stilesboro Lodge, No. 260, to move into new hall.

November 11, 1908, to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 32, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

November 17, 1908, to Landrum Lodge, No. 48, to confer Fellow Craft degree on seven at one communication.

November 18, 1908, to Philomatheia Lodge, No. 25, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

November 25, 1908, to Bremen Lodge, No. 456, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

November 30, 1908, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Fellow Craft degree on four, out of time.

November 30, 1908, to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, to hold election December 10, instead of December 24.

December 3, 1908, to Millwood Lodge, No. 198, to hold election on December 11, instead of December 25.

December 4, 1908, to Tennille Lodge, No. 256, to hold election on December 10, instead of December 25.

December 4, 1908, to Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41, to confer Master Mason's degree on four out of time.

December 5, 1908, to Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 26, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

December 7, 1908, to Western Light Lodge, No. 272, to hold election on December 11.

December 8, 1908, to Sycamore Lodge, No. 210, to hold election on December 11.

December 8, 1908, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on seven at one communication.

December 9, 1908, to Mabel Lodge, No. 255, to hold election on December 10, instead of December 25.

December 9, 1908, to Webb Lodge, No. 166, to confer Master Mason's degree on three, out of time.

December 11, 1908, to Dover Lodge, No. 383, to hold election on December 28.

December 11, 1908, to Yatesville Lodge, No. 407, to hold election on December 27.

December 11, 1908, to Burns Lodge, No. 56, to move into new hall.

December 11, 1908, to Rossville Lodge, No. 397, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

December 16, 1908, to Lithonia Lodge, No. 84, to hold election on December 18, instead of December 25.

December 21, 1908, to Stone Mountain Lodge, No. 449, to open at 4:30 P. M., instead of 7:30 P. M.

December 21, 1908, to Douglas Lodge, No. 386, to move into new hall.

December 21, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to confer Master Mason's degree on four out of time.

December 21, 1908, to Gaulding Lodge, No. 215, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

December 22, 1908, to Columbian Lodge, No. 7, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

December 22, 1908, to Wolihin Lodge, No. 390, to install officers, December 28.

December 23, 1908, to Metcalf Lodge, No. 496, to hold election on December 28.

December 26, 1908, to Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 38, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

December 26, 1908, to Hahira Lodge, No. 346, to confer Master Mason's degree on three, out of time.

December 28, 1908, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to hold election on December 29.

December 29, 1908, to Tallapoosa Lodge, No. 126, to move into another hall.

December 29, 1908, to Lincolnton Lodge, No. 354, to install officers on January 1, 1909.

December 30, 1908, to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to open at 7 P. M., instead of 7:30 P. M., on January 7, 1909.

December 30, 1908, to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to confer Master Mason's degree on three, out of time.

December 30, 1908, to Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 304, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

January 4, 1909, to Turin Lodge, No. 337, to move into another hall.

January 4, 1909, to Magnolia Lodge, No. 86, to install officers.

January 5, 1909, to Davisboro Lodge, No. 398, to elect and install officers.

January 5, 1909, to Byron Lodge, No. 450, to elect and install officers.

January 6, 1909, to Lawrence Lodge, No. 245, to install officers.

January 7, 1909, to Rhine Lodge, No. 409, to install officers.

January 14, 1909, to Shalto Lodge, No. 237, to elect and install officers.

January 18, 1909, to Norman Lodge, No. 453, to elect and install officers.

January 22, 1909, to Newington Lodge, No. 503, to elect and install a Secretary.

January 26, 1909, to Swainsboro Lodge, No. 244, to hold Lodge of Sorrow.

January 28, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

January 28, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

January 29, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Entered Apprentice degree on six, at one communication.

February 3, 1909, to Ezel Lodge, No. 335, to move into new hall.

February 4, 1909, to Hamby Lodge, No. 446, to elect and install officers.

February 11, 1909, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, to initiate six, at one communication.

February 16, 1909, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to move into new temple.

February 16, 1909, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to move into new temple.

February 16, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to move into new temple.

February 16, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 96, to move into new temple.

February 16, 1906, to Fulton Lodge, No. 216, to move into new temple.

February 16, 1909, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, to move into new temple.

February 16, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 96, to initiate six, at one communication.

February 25, 1909, to Atlanta Lodge, No. 59, to confer Fellow Craft degree on eight, at one communication.

February 26, 1909, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to initiate eleven, at one communication.

March 3, 1909, to Indian Spring Lodge, No. 307, to move into new hall.

March 5, 1909, to Sycamore Lodge, No. 210, to elect and install a Secretary.

March 9, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to initiate eleven, at one communication.

March 12, 1909, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to confer Fellow Craft degree on eight, at one communication.

March 15, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 96, to initiate eight, at one communication.

March 18, 1909, to Woodbine Lodge, No. 326, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

March 23, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Fellow Craft degree on seven, at one communication.

March 24, 1909, to Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 411, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

March 24, 1909, to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, to confer Fellow Craft degree on five, out of time.

March 25, 1909, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to initiate fourteen, at one communication:

March 25, 1909, to Coweta Lodge, No. 60, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

March 29, 1909, to Mabel Lodge, No. 255, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

March 30, 1909, to Twiggs Lodge, No. 164, to move into new hall.

March 30, 1909, to Draketown Lodge, No. 252, to form procession.

March 30, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to initiate six, at one communication.

April 2, 1909, to Stephens Lodge, No. 414, to move into new hall.

April 2, 1909, to Caledonia Lodge, No. 121, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

April 5, 1909, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

April 5, 1909, to Orion Lodge, No. 8, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees.
out of time.

April 6, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 96, to confer Fellow Craft degree on nine, at one communication.

April 6, 1909, to Unicoy Lodge, No. 159, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

April 9, 1909, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to initiate fifteen, at one communication.

April 13, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer the Fellow Craft degree on seven, at one communication.

April 16, 1909, to Sprayberry Lodge, No. 251, to remove to Rex, Clayton County.

April 19, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on seven, at one communication.

April 20, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 96, to open at 7:15 P. M., instead of 8:00 P. M.

April 20, 1909, to Macon Lodge, No. 5, to initiate seven, at one communication.

April 26, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to initiate ten, at one communication.

April 29, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

May 3, 1909, to Douglasville Lodge, No. 289, to move into new hall.

May 3, 1909, to Bartlett Lodge, No. 139, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 11, 1909, to Ezel Lodge, No. 335, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

May 11, 1909, to Ezel Lodge, No. 335, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 11, 1909, to Ridgeway Lodge, No. 104, to elect and install a Treasurer.

May 11, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Fellow Craft degree on ten, at one communication.

May 14, 1909, to St. Johns Lodge, No. 45, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 14, 1909, to Piedmont Lodge, No. 447, to confer Fellow Craft degree on nine, at one communication.

May 18, 1909, to Battle Hill Lodge, No. 523, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

May 24, 1909, to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 24, 1909, to Washington Lodge, No. 19, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

May 26, 1909, to Macon Lodge, No. 5, to initiate six, at one communication.

May 28, 1909, to Waycross Lodge, No. 305, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

May 31, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on eight, at one communication.

June 4, 1909, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to initiate six, at one communication.

June 14, 1909, to Faceville Lodge, No. 487, to form procession.

June 17, 1909, to Hiram Lodge, No. 51, to elect and install a Secretary.

June 21, 1909, to Alma Lodge, No. 531, to move into new hall.

June 22, 1909, to Morven Lodge, No. 254, to celebrate St. Johns Day, on July 2.

June 22, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to initiate nine, at one communication.

June 23, 1909, to Jonesboro Lodge, No. 87, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

June 24, to Tate Lodge, No. 485, to form procession, July 3.

July 2, 1909, to Macon Lodge, No. 5, to confer Master Mason's degree on eight, at one communication.

July 6, 1909, to Kennesaw Lodge, No. 33, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

July 7, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 196, to confer Fellow Craft degree on seven, at one communication.

July 9, 1909, to W. D. Luckie Lodge, No. 89, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

July 9, 1909, to Norcross Lodge, No. 228, to move into new hall.

July 9, 1909, to Columbian Lodge, No. 7, to elect and install a Junior Warden.

July 13, 1909, to Ringgold Lodge, No. 90, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

July 13, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Fellow Craft degree on nine, at one communication.

July 17, 1909, to Laurens Lodge, No. 75, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

July 19, 1909, to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

July 26, 1909, to Pine Level Lodge, No. 353, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

July 30, 1909, to Latham Lodge, No. 12, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

July 30, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on twelve, at one communication.

August 4, 1909, to Cochran Lodge, No. 217, to form procession.

August 6, 1909, to Palestine Lodge, No. 486, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

August 16, 1909, to Spring Place Lodge, No. 145, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

August 16, 1909, to Zion Lodge, No. 508, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

August 27, 1909, to Social Lodge, No. 1, to confer Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees out of time.

August 27, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

September 14, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, 2, to confer Fellow Craft degree on six, at one communication.

September 18, 1909, to Rossville Lodge, No. 397, to move to another hall.

September 18, 1909, to Sale City Lodge, No. 472, to open at 9:00 A. M., instead of 2:00 P. M., on September 23.

September 18, 1909, to Troup Factory Lodge, No. 115, to remove to Stovall, Meriwether County.

September 18, 1909, to Yatesville Lodge, No. 407, to move to another hall.

September 28, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to open at 6:00 P. M., instead of 8:00 P. M., on September 28.

September 28, 1909, to Kelley Lodge, No. 514, to move into new hall.

September 28, 1909, to Gate City Lodge, No. 2, to confer Master Mason's degree on seven, at one communication.

October 1, 1909, to Yonah Lodge, No. 382, to form procession.

October 4, 1909, to Camden Lodge, No. 476, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

October 5, 1909, to A. I. Leet Lodge, No. 266, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

October 6, 1909, to Long Cane Lodge, No. 426, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

October 7, 1909, to Cherokee Lodge, No. 66, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

October 8, 1909, to W. D. Luckie Lodge, No. 89, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

October 11, 1909, to Coffee Lodge, No. 193, to confer Fellow Craft degree out of time.

October 11, 1909, to St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 184, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

October 19, 1909, to Griffin Lodge, No. 413, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

October 19, 1909, to Georgia Lodge, No. 96, to confer Master Mason's degree on six, at one communication.

October 21, 1909, to Lone Oak Lodge, No. 415, to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGES.

In addition to the Seventeen Occasional Communications of the Grand Lodge held incident to the Constitution of the new Lodges, and those reported in the account of my visitations, the following Occasional Communications were held for the purpose specified :

December 28, 1908—By Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Max Meyerhardt, at Lindale, to dedicate the hall of Lindale Lodge, No. 455.

February 22, 1909—By Worshipful Pleasant A. Stovall, at Springfield, to lay the corner-stone of Effingham County Court House.

April 7, 1909—By Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Henry Banks, at Lumber City, to dedicate the new Temple of Lumber City Lodge, No. 199.

May 21, 1909—By Worshipful Edward K. Farmer, at Fitzgerald, to lay the corner-stone of Public School Building.

June 24, 1909—By W. L. Williams, at Columbus, to lay the corner-stone of Rose Hill Methodist Church.

June 24, 1909—By Worshipful J. D. Hamrick, to dedicate the Temple of Carroll Lodge, No. 69.

July 28, 1909—By Worshipful L. J. Blalock, at Fitzgerald, to lay the corner-stone of Ben Hill County Court House.

August 5, 1909—By Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Henry Banks, at Thomaston, to lay the corner-stone of R. E. Lee Institute.

August 13, 1909—By Worshipful Berry T. Mosely, to lay the corner-stone of the hall of O. W. T. Rogers Lodge, No. 538.

September 25, 1909—By Worshipful Frank S. Loftin, to lay the corner-stone of Chattahoochee Lodge, No. 61.

October 3, 1909—By Worshipful Jno. B. Clark, to lay the corner-stone of the Methodist Church at Eastman.

October 13, 1909—By Worshipful B. F. Thurman, to lay the corner-stone of the new hall of A. I. Leet Lodge, No. 266.

October 13, 1909—By Worshipful N. H. Ballard, to lay the corner-stone and dedicate the new Temple of Camden Lodge, No. 476.

October 19, 1909—By Worshipful Jno. E. McClelland, to lay the corner-stone of the Methodist Church at Stone Mountain.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA.

| <i>State</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Town</i> |
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| Illinois | Wm. H. Chaffee | Tallapoosa |
| Oklahoma | Jno. R. Dickey | Atlanta |

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF
DELAWARE.

Worshipful Brother Irvine M. Flinn, of Wilmington.

CHANGES OF VENUE.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, change of venue was granted in several cases then pending before the Grand Lodge upon Appeal.

I designated the following Lodges to try the cases :

A. C. Fallin vs. Coolidge Lodge, No. 504, transferred to Thomasville Lodge, No. 369.

Wood Station Lodge, No. 233, vs. A. J. Welborn, transferred to Dalton Lodge, No. 105.

MATTER OF ARABI LODGE, NO. 387.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, 1908, having made certain recommendations with reference to Arabi Lodge, No. 387, said recommendations having been adopted by the Grand Lodge, (See Proceedings 1908, Page 128.) I appointed a Special Committee, consisting of Worshipful Brethren D. M. Rogers, W. T. Williams and S. C. Weisiger, to make the investigation and report contemplated in the recommendation.

On November 28, 1908, the Committee made a full report to me of its acts and findings as follows :

"The Committee appointed by Grand Master Jeffries under the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and appeals to investigate the internal affairs of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, met at Arabi at 2:45 P. M. Committee in full present.

"Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report :

1. "We find that peace and harmony does not prevail in Arabi Lodge, No. 387.

2. "There is a decided faction in said Lodge.

3. "There are irregularities in the trials of Brother B. S. Pate and J. H. Bedgood and J. M. Wright.

4. "The finding in the case of Brother J. M. Wright is not in accord with the facts and evidence in said case.

5. "At present time as it appears to your Committee a reconciliation of the brethren of this Lodge is impossible.

6. "It is in evidence before your Committee that previous to the annual election of 1907 there was undue electioneering for the various offices.

7. "We, your Committee, think that it would be meet and proper that the Grand Master arrest the charter of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, in-

stanter, and require said Lodge to show cause at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge why said arrest should not be final. It is with a degree of sorrow that we so recommend, but we are satisfied that this will have a wholesome effect not only in this little town but on Masonry at large in all South Georgia.

"All of which is fraternally submitted,

"W. T. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*,

"S. C. WEISIGER,

"D. M. ROGERS."

This November 28, 1908.

On December 1, 1908, I issued the following order, based upon the report of the Committee:

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

Arabi Lodge, No. 387, F. & A. M., Arabi, Ga.:

"By virtue of the authority in me vested, as Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, and by direction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, as incorporated in the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and adopted by the said Grand Lodge, at its 1908 session,

"I do hereby suspend the charter of said Arabi Lodge, No. 387, F. & A. M. until the next session of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Tuesday, October 26, 1909, to be held at Macon, Ga. Let the said Arab Lodge then and there show cause, if any it can, why its said charter should not be forfeited.

"This order suspends each and every member of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, until said matter is heard and determined by the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

"Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

"Witness my signature and the seal of the Grand Lodge hereto affixed, the day and year above written.

"T. H. JEFFRIES,
Grand Master."

On December 30, 1908, after seriously considering a petition from seventeen of the forty members of Arabi Lodge, I modified my former order as follows:

"Having seriously considered my former order suspending from the rights and privileges of Masonry all of the members of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, at the time the charter of said Lodge was suspended, and feeling that said order would work a hardship and injustice upon some of the members of Arabi Lodge, it is now, and hereby ordered, that so much of said suspending order as suspended the members of said Arabi Lodge, No. 387, from all the rights and privileges of Masonry be and the same is hereby revoked and declared void.

"The suspension of the charter remains of full force and effect, but the members of the Lodge are accorded all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

"Kindly notify the members of this, my order, and oblige."

I have had considerable correspondence and some interviews with various brethren of Arabi Lodge, since the date of my suspending order, asking for relief. I appreciate the fact that the Lodge had not been conducted in an orderly and Masonic manner, that there were warring factions within the Lodge, and these, I fear, have not been wholly eradicated; but I believe the punishment imposed, of suspending charter for practically, a whole year, has been salutary, and has taught the brethren the wholesome lesson that the Grand Lodge will not stand for bickerings and disorder and ruthless disregard of its Laws and Edicts.

I, therefore, trust that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom this whole matter has been referred, may find a way to recommend the raising of the suspension and allowing the Lodge another chance, rather than recommending the forfeiture of the charter.

O'SHIELDS' CASE.

At the May term, 1907, of Douglas Superior Court, there was a suit filed under the style of

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| R. F. O'SHIELDS, Plaintiff, | } | Suit to foreclose lien. |
| <i>vs.</i> | | |
| J. M. BAGGETT & Co. et al, Defendants. | } | |

This suit grew out of the contract to build the Home.

The Grand Lodge was made party defendant in the cause, and, in short, after contesting the claim through the Superior and Supreme Courts, final judgment was rendered against the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and a lien decreed against the Home property for the amount of the judgment.

There was but one thing to do, and that I did, pay the judgment, amounting to

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| Principal..... | \$400 00 |
| Interest | 125 45 |
| Balance of Court cost | 1 85 |

Making a total of \$527 30

Thus ends the only litigation arising out of the building of the Home.

THE REVISED CODE.

In obedience to the action of the Grand Lodge, I appointed a committee to revise the Code. This committee consisted of Worshipful Brethren, Paul F. Akin, Chairman, Joseph S. Calhoun and W. H. Lumpkin, all of Cartersville.

The last issue of the Code having been exhausted, and the necessity for the new being imperative, I requested the committee to make the revision as expeditiously as possible. This they did, and, early in the year, the Revised Code was in the hands of the Lodges, one copy being sent to each of the old Lodges, and three, each, to those granted charters at the last Grand Lodge.

Considering the pressing necessity for the early completion of this work by the committee, I am convinced that such a task has rarely been

more perfectly complete. The single error which crept into the Codification being the reference to the Apron, (how worn), Section 17, at page 42, Edicts. This Section set out that "In the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, as well as in the Master's degree, all members must wear their aprons as such."

In the Proceedings of 1903, at page 111, is found this resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and is now the law, "That all Master Masons shall have the right to wear their aprons as such in the lower degrees, etc."

The highest praise is due, and is hereby accorded this committee for the prompt and efficient manner in which it performed this labor of love for the Grand Lodge. Also, to the Grand Secretary for his excellent work in preparing the index.

DECISIONS.

The dissemination of the Revised Code, and the more general use of Akin's Manual as a compendium of Masonic Law, has very materially lessened the work of your Grand Master during the past year.

While I have answered innumerable questions as to the law, and have done this gladly, I am proud to note that the brethren, generally, are familiarizing themselves with our concise and clear cut, yet comprehensive, Code.

Therefore, I have been called upon to make but few decisions, in fact, only one, that was not covered by the law fully. I have again been asked to define the status of the "near beer" dealer.

I decided that he was of the class specified in Article 100, (at page 29), of the By-Laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and, therefore, amenable to the law contained therein.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Again it has been my privilege and pleasure to make many visitations during the year, covering almost every section of the State.

Everywhere I have received a cordial welcome and enjoyed to the uttermost the friendly association of my brethren. Their hospitality has been gracious, their welcome joyous, and their words of commendation have filled me with gratitude and joy.

My observations have convinced me that the higher ideals of Masonry are being more and more appreciated by the Craft. The brethren are seeking to illustrate more and more in their own lives the moral precepts taught, and while eager to learn, they are equally anxious to teach the great lessons of Free Masonry.

I have been peculiarly and delightfully impressed with the large number of invitations to lay the corner-stones or dedicate the new halls of the Craft throughout the State. The zeal and enthusiasm with which the brethren have undertaken to acquire and own their own Lodge halls, and to properly and beautifully furnish them, is a matter of sincere congratulation, and highest commendation.

Again, I have not sought the larger and more prosperous Lodges for

the visitations I was able to make, but rather to go to places where Grand Masters had rarely been, and where my services would be of greatest value.

I have undertaken no Masonic enterprise nor engaged in any Masonic labor requiring the assistance of my brethren, in which I have not been yielded the most earnest and intelligent support. The names of those to whom I owe debts of gratitude, which I may never hope to liquidate, is so great that I shall not attempt to recount them here. To each and all of you, my brethren, I tender my sincere gratitude, and acknowledge my obligation to hold you in most grateful remembrance.

On November 26, 1908, I undertook to visit Riverdale Lodge, No. 441, there to assist in the work of the Master Mason's degree. Starting my first visit of my new year in the most modern manner of locomotion, by automobile, I was two hours late in arriving. The work was done when I arrived, all done but the shouting and the eating. I did my part of both. The substitution of a mule and wagon for the auto, secured my arrival at home at a very early hour in the morning.

On December 5, it was my great pleasure to constitute Panthersville Lodge, No. 543, in DeKalb County. This new Lodge is located in a neighborhood where I have many old and tried friends and brethren. The Lodge was constituted in a nice new hall, which is the property of the Lodge. It starts with most auspicious promise.

On December 12, I installed the officers and made a speech to the brethren of Chamblee Lodge, No. 444. Only a few years since I constituted this Lodge, with only a few members, and in poor quarters. Now I find them in a flourishing condition, in new and commodious quarters.

On the evening of December 12, I visited Sardis Lodge, No. 107, and conferred the Master Mason's degree. This is one of the oldest and most flourishing country Lodges in the State.

On December 14, I visited Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 26, at Griffin. I conferred the Master Mason's degree on four candidates and was delightfully entertained afterward at a banquet. This old Lodge owns one of the finest properties, in its magnificent Temple, of any Lodge in the State. Absolutely without debt, the Lodge hall is beautifully furnished and the Lodge is in a most flourishing condition. It was my privilege two years ago, to raise the present Worshipful Master and Senior Warden in the same class.

On December 17, I was present at the Annual Communication of Fulton Lodge, No. 216, installed the new officers and presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master.

On December 18, I attended the annual communication of W. D. Luckie Lodge, installed its officers and made the presentation speech of a Past Master's jewel.

On December 21, I visited Stone Mountain Lodge and was the guest of honor at an elegant banquet and responded to a toast to Ma onry.

On December 26, I paid a visit to Bolton Lodge, installed its officers publicly, and delivered a short address. Among the friends of my boy-

hood and within the body of one of the youngest yet most prosperous Lodges in the State, I spent a most delightful evening.

On January 5, 1909, upon invitation of those in authority, I opened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge at Union City and officiated at the laying of the corner-stone of what promises to be a magnificent school building. I made a public address and enjoyed a bountiful barbecue.

On February 3, I visited Gainesville Lodge, was received with distinguished honor, conferred the Master Mason's degree, and afterward feasted upon a delicious repast.

On February 13, I was the guest of Fairmount Lodge, where I was most cordially received. I conferred the Master Mason's degree in the presence of a large number of brethren. District Deputy Frank F. Baker rendering valuable assistance in the work.

After the work, the ladies of the Eastern Star were the hostesses at a beautiful banquet.

Brother Baker and I, each, made short talks to the ladies and brethren assembled.

On February 22, upon invitation of the Lodges in Atlanta, I convened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in the magnificent new Temple, in Atlanta, for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating the new Temple.

Right Worshipful Geo. M. Napier, Senior Grand Warden, was present and acted as my Deputy upon this occasion.

The spacious Temple was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many Masons, with their families, witnessed the solemn ceremony of dedication and consecration.

Brother and Governor Hoke Smith, President of the Masonic Temple Company, presided at the meeting of the combined Masonic bodies, and Worshipful Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, on behalf of Symbolic Masonry presented the Temple for dedication.

Beside the dedicatory service, addresses were delivered by President Smith of the Temple Company, Right Worshipful Geo. M. Napier and your Grand Master.

This exercise was the fruition of the hope that Atlanta Masonry. The culmination of its joy was found in the glad spirit of rejoicing which sprang unbidden from the hearts and tongues of every one present:

Here we've raised our Ebenezer!

On May 1, I convened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge at Chestnut Mountain, in Hall County, and laid the corner-stone of a new School and Masonic building, the home of Chestnut Mountain Lodge, No. 268. It was a great occasion in that community and many were present. I delivered a public address.

After enjoying a bountiful basket dinner, the Lodge was convened and I conferred the Master Mason's degree.

District Deputy Robt. McMillan and Past Deputy Grand Master J. E. Redwine were present and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

On May 3, I joined W. D. Luckie Lodge in the celebration of its Twentieth Anniversary, and addressed the Lodge. This was a most auspicious occasion marking an epoch in the history of one of the best Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

On May 5, it was my honor and pleasure to be one of the speakers on "Ladies Night" at the Seventh District Convention at Rome. This meeting was held in the Rome Opera House, and the building was taxed to its utmost capacity, while many were turned away for want of room. This meeting was presided over by the inimitable Past Grand Master, Max Meyerhardt, and there was not a dull moment from start to finish. "Ladies Night" is a feature of the Seventh District Convention and a monumental success. I regretted, beyond expression, that I was not permitted to tarry through the Convention, enjoy the work and mix and meet with the brethren of the old District where I first saw Masonic light.

On May 12, by special invitation of Ocean Lodge, at Brunswick, I delivered a welcome, for Symbolic Masonry, to the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Georgia. In the beautiful new Glynn County Court House were assembled a great host of Christian Knights and their ladies and many of the people of Brunswick. The occasion was one long to be remembered.

On May 20, I visited Battle Hill Lodge, in its nice new hall and conferred the Master Mason's degree, and feasted with the brethren. Its second year has fulfilled the prophecy of its first, and its success is assured.

On June 2, I attended Bartow County Convention at old Cassville. I was most cordially received; with private Grand Honors, enjoyed the proceedings of the Convention very much, and the basket dinner was a repast such as only the good women of old Bartow can prepare.

After dinner, I, with others, delivered short speeches to the public, after which we repaired to the Lodge room where I conferred the Master Mason's degree, ably assisted by District Deputy Frank F. Baker and the brethren of the Convention.

On June 12, I convened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge, in the beautiful new hall of Winston Lodge, No. 522, and dedicated the new hall.

When the Grand Lodge had closed, I conferred the Master Mason's degree.

I was ably assisted in the dedication and the work by a number of the brethren of Douglasville Lodge.

On June 26, I visited Cornelia and delivered a public address to the Masons and their friends of Cornelia and the vicinity.

A sumptuous repast was served after the public exercises.

On July 3, I joined in a Fourth of July and Fraternal Day celebration at Douglasville, where I made a public address.

After the public function, and a bountiful barbecue, I convened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge and dedicated the beautiful and commodious new hall of Douglasville Lodge.

The Grand Lodge closed, the Subordinate Lodge called on, and I conferred the Master Mason's degree, ably assisted by a number of visiting brethren.

On July 15, I visited Chattooga County Convention, made a public address, enjoyed a great dinner.

Here I convened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge and laid the corner-stone of the new and imposing County Court House of Chattooga County.

When the Grand Lodge had closed, and the Convention reconvened, I conferred the Master Mason's degree, assisted by the brethren of the Convention.

The Worshipful Grand Chaplain, B. F. Thurman, was present and rendered valuable service.

On July 16, by special invitation, I delivered an address on Mason's Day at the Brenau Chautauqua, at Gainesville.

On July 17, I convened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge at Auburn, and laid the corner-stone of the handsome Perry-Rainey Institute, and made a public address to a magnificent audience of country people.

On July 20, I visited the Bulloch County Convention at Statesboro, and conferred the Master Mason's degree ably assisted by the District Deputy, A. J. Mooney, and the brethren of the Convention.

My day in Statesboro will be long remembered as one of the most delightful in my official experience. I met with a boundless hospitality and courtesies at every hand.

On July 22, I attended the Tenth District Convention, No. 1, at Thomson. I enjoyed the reports from the various Lodges, observed the work of the Convention with great interest, and rejoiced in the most pleasant association of the brethren.

I delivered a public address at the Methodist Church to a large audience.

The ladies of the Eastern Star furnished both dinner and supper for the Convention and their beautiful hospitality won the gratitude of every visitor.

District Deputy, Wm. F. Little, was present and rendered valuable service to the Convention.

On July 28, I was present at the Sixth District Convention at Barnesville. This has grown to be one of the strongest in the State.

I made a public address in the Auditorium of the Barnesville Institute to a magnificent audience.

The Convention was entertained with a great dinner. District Deputy H. M. Fletcher, and Home Superintendent, A. S. Harris, were present, each delivered admirable addresses and added much to the pleasure and interest of the Convention.

On July 29, I visited the Fourth District Convention, on its second day, at Newnan.

I found here, Past Grand Master James W. Taylor, Deputy Grand

Master Henry Banks, District Deputy W. L. Williams. Superintendent Harris was also present. We were each called upon to address the Convention.

The work of this Convention was very gratifying and much good is sure to result from it.

On July 31, I was the guest of the Lodge at Colbert, U. D.; was received with all due honors. After giving the new Lodge some advice and encouragement, a procession was formed and the assembled Mason's with a large number of people gathered in a friendly grove where public exercises were held. It was my pleasure to address a most appreciative audience.

On August 3, it was my pleasure to meet with the Gordon County Convention, at Calhoun. Upon my arrival, I found the Methodist Church filled with a fine audience, and our Worshipful Brother, J. A. Sharp, delivering a most eloquent and instructive sermon.

After this service, a short recess, and a good dinner at the hospitable home of Worshipful Brother A. H. Chastain, the audience re-assembled at the Church, where I was invited to address them. The afternoon session of the Convention was a most delightful one. The Master Mason's degree was beautifully and impressively conferred by District Deputy Frank F. Baker and the brethren of the Convention.

This visit was a most delightful experience, since here I met many brethren and friends of other days and enjoyed the renewed association.

On August 5, I met the brethren of Meriwether County in annual session at Woodbury. A large number of the Craft of this populous Masonic county were present. After a short session in the Lodge room the Masons and their friends gathered in the spacious auditorium of the High School building, where impressive and delightful entertainment was afforded.

The venerable and popular Past Grand Master, James W. Taylor, was in his glory in his own home county, and was equally delightful as host and guest.

I delivered an address to a most appreciative audience, and enjoyed the hospitality of the good women at a most delightful dinner in the school yard.

August tenth and eleventh was the occasion of the Fifth District Convention, held in Atlanta. Of course I was there, and was honored with a conspicuous place upon the program, delivering the principal address on the first night and taking part in the Master Mason's degree on the second night.

This Convention was held in the Armory Auditorium and marked the gathering together of the largest number of Masons, probably, ever gathered together in Georgia at one time.

All three degrees were conferred by separate, selected teams, and all under the supervision of the District Deputy, Chas. E. Hall.

On August 17, I accepted an invitation from the City of Bowman to lay the corner-stone of the new Public School building. I opened an

Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge in Primrose Lodge room, laid the corner-stone, made a public address in the Auditorium and at night conferred the Master Mason's degree for Primrose Lodge. A beautiful banquet was spread after the Lodge meeting.

On August 25, I was the guest of Unity Lodge at Jefferson, Jackson County. On the evening of the 24th, I visited the Lodge, was received with distinguished honor and presided at the conferring of the Master Mason's degree.

The Jackson County Masonic Convention was held in the Auditorium of the Martin Institute, on the forenoon of the 25th. The public exercises were very pleasing, a number of good speeches being made. I was honored with a place upon the program.

A splendid dinner was spread under the shadows of the old oaks in the school yard.

Senior Warden Sam J. Bell, and his charming wife, entertained me most delightfully. My first visit to Jefferson is one I shall long cherish and hold in sweet remembrance.

On September 2, I opened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge at Elberton, and laid the corner-stone of a magnificent new school building, made a public address in the Court House to a large number of the people of Elberton.

On September 22, I accepted an invitation to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple of Fraternal Lodge at McDonough.

After opening an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge, we repaired to the site of the new Temple, and laid the Corner-stone in the presence of a large concourse of the people of McDonough. Fraternal is one of the best Lodges in Georgia, and is celebrating the sixty-fifth year of its existence by erecting one of the handsomest Temples in the State.

It is three stories, with commodious basement, and, best of all, owned in its entirety by the Lodge.

This building is the most imposing structure between Atlanta and Macon, on the Southern road.

Our venerable Brother J. Wesley Harper, (better known as "Uncle Wes,") who has been fifty years a Mason and twenty-five of those years Worshipful Master of some Lodge, and for many years a member of Fraternal Lodge, had the honor of laying the first brick of the new Temple, and no happier man will live in Georgia than he, when the old Lodge is safely housed in its new Temple.

It was my honor to be called upon to address the assembled multitude upon this occasion.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

The Order of the Eastern Star has come to stay. The Organization has been completed; its success has been assured.

It now has more than a half a hundred working Chapters, and each year adds to its members.

This Order, while not technically Masonic, is more closely akin to Masonry than all the other fraternities. Composed of Masons and the near relatives of Masonry, its interests are inseparably united to the interests of Masonry.

Since its inception, in Georgia, it has manifested the liveliest interest in the work of Masonry, and this is peculiarly true of its efforts in the equipment of the Masonic Home. The excellent, practical and elegant furnishings of the dining room at the Home have been the gift of the Eastern Star, in their entirety.

This Order has recently undertaken to give to the girls and boys, who are growing too old to remain longer in the Home, the benefit of a practical business education, thereby equipping them for the battles of life.

This Grand Lodge is due the Order some substantial recognition of its work for Masonry. I, therefore, recommend that the rules governing the admission of inmates to the Home be so amended, as to admit members of the Eastern Star.

The liability would be increased only to an infinitesimal degree, and at the same time we would give recognition to a most worthy and helpful institution.

I believe the government of the Home should be lodged absolutely in the Grand Lodge. It assumes responsibility for it and should be held accountable for its conduct.

It seems to me, however, that the Grand Lodge cannot do less than recompense our sisters and brothers of the Eastern Star for all that they have done and hope to do for the Home by admitting the members of the O. E. S. to the Home under proper restrictions.

There is in each of your hands today a little reminder of the Order, setting forth the things for which it stands, the ends at which it aims, the hope which it cherishes, the good it has done, the good it seeks to do.

These loyal women and faithful men, the last our brethren, the first our wives, our mothers, our sisters and our daughters, have launched upon the sea of Fraternity, in Georgia, their trusty Craft, have ladened it with the golden seeds of love, and wherever want and sorrow have made a waste, there, with loving hearts and willing hands, they sow the seeds of cheer and succor.

THE HOME.

No Mason who has imbibed the sweet waters of Love ever lets his mind turn toward the Masonic Home who does not feel a thrill of joy in the knowledge that safe in the precincts of that Home there lives a happy family in which he is most vitally and seriously interested.

There he sees a haven of rest, a peaceful abode, for those whom misfortune has overwhelmed in the years when they no longer possess the power of fighting the battles of life. There he beholds a place of safety and helpfulness for those whom the hand of Providence has made the wards of Masonry.

He, whose hart has been touched with the spirit of humanity, looking

there, feels that heart filling with emotions of kindness and tenderness till, in unutterable fullness, it exclaims, "Heaven blessed is he who hath part in this great charity."

My Brethren, benevolence is a disposition to do good, but what we need is a beneficence that marks the working of the disposition in the actual dispensing of good. The time has arrived in the history of our Home when it should no longer be the child of the Grand Lodge.

The time has come when every Mason in Georgia should know and feel that this Home is the Home of the Masonry of Georgia. Its needs, its wants, should appeal to every individual Mason. Its aims and its purposes should be enshrined in every Masonic heart, and its demands should be imperative command to every loyal Mason.

The work of the Home during the past year has been extremely satisfactory.

A larger average of inmates have been kept, and at a lower cost per capita, than ever before. Demands have been made upon the Home for its full capacity, practically throughout the year. The old have been nourished and cherished, some soothed in their dying hours, and at last laid away in honored graves by loving hands.

The young have been nurtured and tutored with tenderest care.

All have been made as happy and content as the skill and ingenuity of a wise Superintendent and loving Matron could insure.

As the years go by, larger demands will be made upon the Home. The wisdom of the Grand Lodge must be displayed in devising means to meet the growing demands of the Institution. Provision must be made for the sure and suitable equipment to meet the conflicts of life of the children graduating out of the Home. As is the name and fame of the private home made honorable and fair by the conduct and character of those who go out of it, so shall the name and fame of our Home, in future, depend upon the merit of the lives it has fashioned.

The highest mead of honor and praise is due to our efficient, faithful and earnest Superintendent. His work is worthy the highest commendation and his worth, the highest praise.

The golden heart of love, of the wonderful woman, who has, with such consummate tact and skill, acted mother of this great Home, has poured its precious gifts of love into the lives of every member of the household. Many are they who will, in the last day, rise up to call her blessed. Many, while they live, will cherish the memory of her patience, her sacrifice and her devotion.

I cannot pass from this subject without paying just tribute of praise and gratitude to the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Home, Dr. James W. Taylor and Brother T. J. Carling.

They have not only been faithful to the trust reposed in them, but with experience, skill and knowledge, they have most wisely executed the trust. This Grand Lodge owes to these brethren a debt of gratitude, for time and labor and sacrifice, which it can never repay. Their watch-

ful care has protected the Home from imposition, their business sagacity and executive ability has saved it many dollars.

GRAND LODGE TEMPLE.

In accordance with your solemn mandate, I appointed "a permanent Board of Trustees, to be known as Temple Trustees."

The Temple Trustees, acting under the prerogative invested in them, sold the old Temple and purchased another lot upon which to build a new Temple. The report of the acts and doings of the Temple Trustees will be laid before you.

There remains in the hands of the Temple Trustees, \$20,000, "as a nucleus for the accumulation of a Temple Fund, and, under no circumstances, to be diverted to any other purpose."

In conformity to the views expressed by your former Committee on "Grand Lodge Temple" and the views maintained and expressed by my honored predecessor and myself, we have laid the foundation for the consummation of a long cherished hope that the Grand Lodge should possess an adequate and appropriate Temple for its offices, committees and Grand Lodge sessions.

With the renewed facilities for the accumulation of a surplus by the Grand Lodge, made possible by the action of the Subordinate Lodges upon the referendum submitted to them by the last Grand Lodge, it need require only a few years before we may see the foundation laid of a new and magnificent Temple devoted to Free Masonry.

By a strict conservation of our finances, only a few years will elapse until we shall again dwell in our own new house, dedicated to the purposes of Masonry.

There has come to my ears some murmuring of discontent because of what seemed the meager price obtained for the old Temple. The price does seem small when compared with the cost of the old Temple to the Grand Lodge. I appointed the strongest Committee I knew, to act as Temple Trustees, men who had demonstrated their business capacity in their own successful business careers, just such a Board as I believed the Grand Lodge would approve; and having appointed the Temple Trustees, the matter passed out of my control. I have no doubt the Trustees obtained the very best possible price for the property and made the most desirable purchase possible.

Personally, I desire to express my unqualified confidence in the business sagacity, the loyalty and moral integrity of each member of the Temple Trustees. I believe none wiser or more capable of handling this matter could have been selected.

FINANCE.

The financial condition of any institution is, as a rule, the measure of its prosperity. The five hundred and forty-eight chartered Lodges of Georgia, with their more than thirty thousand members, represent and control a large portion of the wealth of the Commonwealth.

The Subordinate Lodges have, during the year, expended more

money in the building and equipping of new and adequate Temples, in which to meet, than at any time in the history of Georgia Masonry. I shall hail with delight the day when every Lodge in the State shall own its own Lodge hall comfortably and conveniently arranged for Masonic work.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in a very healthy condition. A real surplus of about \$7,000 will be brought over from the year just passed, and now, that the Subordinate Lodges have declared against the payment of Past Masters' per diem, there will be an increased surplus accruing each year, after the next year, to be disposed of by this Grand Lodge.

The natural increase of finances from the constantly increasing membership of the Order, with the added saving from the Past Masters' per diem, ought to assure the Grand Lodge an annual surplus of from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

It is easily demonstrable, that with a conservative and economic administration of the finances for a few years, the possibility of a new Grand Lodge Temple is a positive assurance.

With a lot already purchased and paid for, and \$20,000 in the hands of the Temple Trustees, bearing interest, the limit to the time when we shall have the new Temple is measured by the amount you desire to put into that Temple.

Within a few years, under our old law, we accumulated a surplus that enabled us to make an expenditure of about \$30,000 in the Home. In a few more years, by the return to the old law, we have reasonable expectation that we may make the necessary additions to the Home and build a magnificent Temple for Masonry.

During the past year every department of the work of the Grand Lodge has been held to the strictest rules of economy commensurate with the stimulation of vigorous and healthy growth of the Craft.

The only item of increased expense has been in making it possible for the District Deputies to confer together more frequently than in the past. The whole body of Masonry has received untold benefits from the knowledge dispensed by these faithful Deputies.

The Home has been maintained at the least possible expense. The record will show that the inmates have been kept upon a lower per capita than ever before.

No Emergent Communications have demanded an extraordinary expense.

The only unusual expense, which is not likely to fall in every year, was the payment of the O'Shields plumbing bill, which has been in litigation for several years.

The loss of the income from the old Temple, mainly caused from the fire of last year, has been, in a degree, recompensed by the interest accumulating upon the fund in the hands of the Temple Trustees.

Notwithstanding I have made about the same number of visitations as last year, and at a greater average distance, and less accessible, I

have been able to leave \$300 of your appropriation for my expenses in the treasury.

We have received the highest rate of interest, on our daily balances in bank, than ever before, thereby utilizing the money on hand to the best advantage.

As directed by the Grand Lodge, I entered into negotiations for the Past Grand Master's jewel referred to last year, and for the sum of \$60 secured its return to the possession of this Grand Lodge.

My brethren, cold facts and figures are the fagots which, when properly placed together and ignited, bring the warmth and comfort of prosperity. If you will guard well and properly direct your finances, it will be but a few years when you will rejoice in the fruition of your fondest hopes—a Home great enough for every need and a Temple so magnificent that it will be the pride and glory of every Mason.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The District Deputies will present to this Grand Lodge an elaborate report of their acts and doings, hence I shall not speak of their specific acts, but of the general scope of their work.

The Craft in Georgia, is beginning to realize that these District Deputies have a real mission in Georgia Masonry, and the appreciation of their labors has largely increased in recent years.

No one has had better opportunity to observe the results of their efforts than your Grand Master. Everywhere I have observed a disposition on the part of the Masters of Lodges to learn the work, as sought to be promulgated by the Deputies and to enforce it in their own Lodges.

The old men, who, like Ephriam of old, are "joined to idols," have shown a spirit of conciliation; the young men, with avidity, are learning the work, and, I dare say that a greater number of Masons are familiar with the work, and that the Lodges, generally, in Georgia, are doing better work than ever before done.

The fact that these authorized instructors, in Masonry, are going about among the Lodges, to the Conventions, wherever Masons gather for instruction, teaching a work that has been agreed upon by eleven experienced, wise and competent instructors, has inspired faith in their work and has aroused an enthusiastic desire to learn and put into actual exemplification the uniform work recommended by the Deputies.

The brethren, generally, will, perhaps, never properly appreciate the labor of love these worthy Deputies are doing; will never realize the amount of sacrifice of time, of thought, of labor and of money, too, that they may have made to accomplish the work they have done.

In their preliminary reports to me, the almost universal complaint is, "We cannot reach the Lodges which need us most."

It is true, under our system, that the small, poor, and feeble Lodges, the Lodges whose officers are indifferently informed, who are ashamed of their ignorance, whose finances are low, whose general conditions are in an unenviable condition, do not, and often cannot, invite the Deputies to visit them.

This Grand Lodge has been liberal in the assignment of duties to the District Deputies but parsimonious in the provision of means to perform them.

These Deputies might be of great assistance to the Grand Master in adjusting small differences, which often create wide breaches in the Lodges. He might find the truth of many matters of difference in Lodges where the Grand Master is compelled to reconcile the varying statements of opposing factions, and often makes serious mistakes. There is no provision for compensation or even remuneration for sums expended on missions, hence they are rarely called upon for such service.

Brethren, let us stand by our District Deputies; encourage them in their arduous labors; accept with gratitude the gift of their instructions and show them our real appreciation by the adoption and enforcement of their teachings in our Lodges. They have not mutilated our work, they have neither taken from nor added to it. They have simply construed, and reconciled and unified it. Out of many variations, they have evolved practical uniformity.

To each of these faithful, earnest, able servants of the Craft, I desire to give expression of my confidence, my hearty approval of the work they have done, and my unreserved commendation of them to you as "worthy of all acceptance."

During the past year, the Deputies have exemplified the work in the presence of more than ten thousand of the brethren. They have wrought together and separately, in season and out of season, anywhere and everywhere opportunity presented itself. More than one-third of all the Masons in Georgia have seen an exemplification of the work as presented by them.

To my brethren, the officers of this Grand Lodge, I may not say farewell, without acknowledgment of my appreciation of the valuable services they have rendered.

One and all, they have been ever ready and willing to command or serve as occasion demanded. A Grand Master never had more willing, capable, loyal or wiser advisers and co-laborers. Each has been efficient in his place, each has honored the station he occupied and each has shed lustre upon the fair name of Masonry.

The increased experience, the natural capacity, the urbane conduct, the willing spirit, the inherent courtesy of our Grand Secretary, has endeared him to the whole Craft. His work is his highest commendation, his loyalty his highest praise. Tutored by such a father, advised and assisted by such a mother, it is little wonder that his success is complete.

To name an honest man, would require only that we pronounce the name, James M. Rushin. Scrupulously careful in the keeping of his accounts, as scrupulously he guards the cash that comes into his hands. He is not only a Treasurer, but himself a treasure, to this grand Lodge. His wisdom, his experience, his wholesome advice are of incalculable value to the Grand Lodge. He has won, and he will ever maintain, a place in the holy of holies of each Masonic heart. If ever did man, in very truth,

illustrate the whole of Masonry in his life, that man is our brother, James M. Rushin, Grand Treasurer.

The calls upon the time and labor of your Grand Master, during the past year, have been extraordinary. In my inability to meet every demand, I had one unfailing source of succor:

Your Deputy Grand Master has stood ever ready to assist in the work. No time too precious, no work too arduous, no distance too great for him, when duty called him.

At many public functions, in many sections of the State, has he upheld the dignity and honor of the Grand Lodge, and once, in a distant State, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in a conference of the Grand Masters of twenty-three Eastern States, he illustrated the force and intelligence of the Masonry of Georgia. In that illustrious company of Grand Masters he won his way to highest honors and most distinguished consideration.

His intelligence won him admiration, his genial loving disposition won him the affections of that august body, the truth of which is evidenced by the cheering words of praise which have come to me. In zeal and loyalty and wisdom, no Grand Master ever had more able Deputy.

But these are not all to whom I owe a mead of praise.

Too often in the hurry and rush of the electric times in which we are living, in the transition from the old to the new, we are prone to hold but lightly or forget altogether to pay tribute to the devotion to duty and the high accomplishment of those who have laid aside the mantle of official station and have assumed again their place in the honored ranks of those who serve.

The voyager of Time and misfortune has left to us but two of those who have worn all the honors our confidence and love could bestow, who have borne the sacrificial burdens these honors impose.

The names of James W. Taylor and Max Meyerhardt are enshrined in the hearts of Georgia Masons, and the memory of their valiant service and noble deeds is a priceless heritage to the Craft.

Tireless and unceasing in labor and sacrifice, long have they wrought, with might and main.

Long may the Scythe of the Reaper be stayed, that in the ripeness of their wisdom and the fullness of their love we may share the rich rewards of their presence and their counsel here.

Masonry has ever been the hand-maiden of civilization. Wherever the genius of man has opened new discoveries, wherever the intelligence of man has evolved new theories and developed broader and more practical accomplishment, whether it be in the wake of the sword emblazoned path, or along the highways of aggression and progression, made possible by the intelligent exercise of moral force, there Masonry has ever been, as a missionary of mercy or a mollifier of the passions of men. Never a trailer in the tracks of those who have gone before, but side by side with the foremost of those who have contributed to human liberty, who have exalted human virtue, who have proclaimed the supremacy of human reason as the cope-stone of human accomplishment.

Her hand is joined in friendly grasp with every hand that worketh good, her strong arm is raised against the workers of iniquity. Her voice is attuned to the music of peace and harmony, her anatheams are hurled against strife and discord. Her lips are clothed with truth, her heart a perennial fountain of love.

When we have studied Masonry as an occult science, after we have beheld its development as a sublime moral philosophy, and have observed its practical application to human conduct, character and thought, we behold the evolution of the ideal man. One, who, by the application of the proper implements of Masonry has fashioned and formed his life into a perfect ashlar, well formed, true and trusty. This is ideal. Clothed with all the beauty of its idealism, there remains within it a touch of humanity. Within its tiled doors, about its sacred altars there is engendered a spirit of confidence and love that seals a bond of friendship that makes us all akin.

It seems to me that James Whitcomb Riley must have felt the inspiration of the sweet, abiding friendship begotten by Masonic association when he sung:

"When a man ain't got a cent, an' he's feelin' kind o' blue,
An' the clouds hang dark an' heavy an' won't let the sunshine
through,

It's a great thing, O my brethren, for a feller just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way!

It makes a man feel curious; it makes the tear-drops start,
An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of the heart.
You can't look up and meet his eyes; you don't know what to say,
When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

O the world's a curious compound, with its honey an' its gall,
With its cares an' bitter crosses; but a good world, after all,
An' a good God must have made it—leastways, that's what I say
When a hand rests on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way."

My Brethren, our lives are cast in a marvelous age of the world's history. Our civilization is unlike the civilization of any other period in the history of mankind. If this is not indeed an utilitarian age it is surely an age of utility. From the accumulated learning of the past we have laid deep and strong the foundations of a new and more powerful civilization than the world has ever known. While many are engaged in the schools of abstruse science, bringing to light the hidden mysteries of nature, and many are devoting themselves to literature and art, we are not developing a race learned in the classics of the past. Learning, as an acquisition of knowledge, is not so highly prized, except as it becomes the means to an end which results in the production of wealth. Ours is an industrial age, an age in which men have learned that the great highway to success is carved out with brains as well as brawn. The vehicles which traverse it are driven by steam and electricity instead of animal force. The subtle powers of nature have been chained by the mind of man and the limit of their range is the leash of human will.

The locomotive engine, the automobile, the aeroplane have practically eliminated time and space and burden.

The telegraph, the telephone, the wireless, have put all mankind into juxtaposition.

In this great progressive moment what part shall Masonry play? The danger signals have been raised by the Churches, and the cry is "the world is on a mad chase for wealth." All else is made subservient to the wild excitement of the chase. For this we are building schools and colleges and endowing great universities. For this we are preaching up the advantages of, and the necessity for, universal education.

Masonry, the great conservator of morality, stands like a mighty giant to protect and preserve the moral integrity of the race. Its profound philosophy, its broad philanthropy, its splendid equanimity, its uncompromising defense of the right, its salutary lessons of honor, integrity and truth, coupled with its unswerving purpose to instill into human hearts the spirit of brotherly love and imbue their minds with the most exalted conceptions and purest principles, shall prove the sheet anchor which shall steady and preserve the equilibrium of our civilization. There is no fanaticism, no intolerance, no unbridled excess in the Masonry we profess. It is sane, it is wise, it assumes the mastery of every passion.

He who makes himself the incarnation of the principles of Masonry lives to conquer.

For eleven years I have worn the elective honors of this Grand Lodge, with great delight, and yet with fear and trembling. The weight of the burden of the honors you have bestowed upon me have caused me to quake and tremble often, when I remembered how weak and unworthy I had been of such gracious confidence.

To receive and maintain the continued and increasing honors of such an association as this Grand Lodge, composed of the flower of Georgia manhood, made up of the best and purest and truest of the grandest brotherhood on earth, is a gift the most exalted of earth might be proud.

Your patience, your forbearance, your encouragement, your love, have added joy to every waking moment and given strength to every hour I have served.

The time is near at hand when I must return to you this symbol of authority, and lay aside the paraphernalia of supreme rank. The years have been happy, joyous ones to me, for in all these years, my ears have been gladdened with your words of commendation and praise; for, when you did not approve, you were too generous to afflict me with censure. It is a peculiar joy to me, that in all my thirty years of intercourse with my brethren, no spirit of animosity has ever been felt toward any one of them. In the twenty-six years I have been a member of this Grand Lodge, among the hundreds whom I have known and loved, none have been unworthy the gentle ties of friendship that bound us together.

My brethren, I speak to you as one to whom you have given authority to speak, as one who has drunk deep at the fountain of Masonic love.

When we have delved in the quarry through the weary day of life, and have completed every specimen of our work, the sweetest contemplation of the eventide shall be the thought, we loved one another.

When we stand before the eternal throne and look into the face of the God of Love, if our hearts shall have been purified by love of God and man, we shall stand justified, for "love is the fulfilling of the law."

It is the Divine essence which seals the kinship between father and son, it is the golden link that unites human hearts in the indissoluble bond of friendship.

"There lies in the center of each man's heart,
A longing and love for the good and pure;
And if but an atom, or larger part,
I tell you this shall endure—endure
After the body has gone to decay—
Yea, after the world has passed away.

The longer I live and the more I see
Of the struggle of souls toward the heights above,
The stronger this truth comes home to me:
That the Universe rests on the shoulders of love;
A love so limitless, deep, and broad,
That men have renamed it and called it—God.

And nothing that ever was born or evolved,
Nothing created by light or force,
But deep in its system there lies dissolved
A shining drop from the Great Love Source;
A shining drop that shall live for aye—
Though kingdoms may perish and stars decay."

T. H. JEFFRIES,
Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Brother Joe P. Bowdoin, the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee for topical distribution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Brother Chas. L. Bass, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Credentials makes the following report:

We find the following named brethren hold proxies in regular and correct form and are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, to-wit:

| <i>Lodges</i> | <i>Past Masters</i> |
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| No. 1. Solomon | William B. Spann |
| No. 2. Gate City | John Z. Lawshe |
| No. 4. Rising Star | W. S. Smith |
| No. 14. Marion | I. W. Jordan |
| No. 22. Mount Vernon | H. R. Palmer |
| No. 27. Morning Star | W. L. Jenkins |
| No. 33. Kennesaw | J. M. Austin |
| No. 40. Chipley | J. B. Williams |
| No. 67. Dawson | H. F. White |
| No. 68. Dawson | W. H. Lloyd |
| No. 74. Palmetto | J. C. Mixon |
| No. 92. Cornelia | J. L. Maxwell |
| No. 105. Dalton | J. A. Longley |
| No. 116. Richard T. Turner | E. B. Douglas |
| No. 117. Ochlocknee | J. F. Singletary |
| No. 134. Hunter | W. P. Baldwin |
| No. 153. Springville | G. W. Lane |
| No. 155. Cusseta | W. A. Sapp |
| No. 163. Satilla | H. F. Sears |
| No. 176. Acworth | H. H. Logan |
| No. 179. Trenton | R. W. Thurman |
| No. 217. Cochran | T. D. Walker |
| No. 218. Simon Holt | J. W. Loving |
| No. 223. Smith | T. F. Carter |
| No. 242. Dixie | J. J. Harman |
| No. 241. Lavonia | L. O. Williford |
| No. 256. Tennille | Joseph G. Tyler |
| No. 273. Friendship | F. M. Chalker |
| No. 283. Hazehurst | T. R. Moore |
| No. 284. Z. T. Phelps | G. W. Schramm |
| No. 292. Buford | F. L. Beard |
| No. 293. Rising Fawn | Geo. R. Bible |
| No. 305. Waycross | A. G. Vilee |
| No. 307. Indian Spring | O. M. Duke |
| No. 318. Alcova | F. W. Dooley |
| No. 324. Vienna | E. G. Green |

*Lodges**Past Masters*

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| No. 329. | Few | J. A. Shepherd |
| No. 335. | Ezell | C. H. Arnet |
| No. 361. | DeSoto | A. G. James |
| No. 369. | Thomasville | J. J. Stephens |
| No. 374. | Ocilla | D. J. Henderson, Secy. |
| No. 390. | Wolihin | F. W. Worrell |
| No. 395. | Warwick | J. N. Ridley |
| No. 456. | Bremen | W. W. Ragin |
| No. 462. | Bartow | Leroy Smith |
| No. 478. | Lyons | G. C. Jones |
| No. 486. | Palestine | W. L. Champion |
| No. 491. | Jason Burr | W. A. Maxwell |
| No. 515. | Concord | B. W. Lockhart |
| No. 513. | Davitt | J. W. Fambrough |
| No. 525. | Brooklet | John C. Cromley |
| No. 532. | Lucile | W. A. Jordan |
| No. 80. | Western | R. E. Bridges |
| No. 3. | Benevolent | J. F. Bell |
| No. 12. | Latham | J. D. Perkerson |
| No. 248. | Screven | H. G. Edenfield |

The following proxies are irregular in form, but being under the seal of the Lodge and the representative appointed being Past Master, we recommend that they be allowed to represent the Lodges:

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| No. 46. | Oakland | H. C. Sitton |
| No. 207. | Marble Hill | G. H. Hayes |
| No. 244. | Swainsboro | Franklin D. Wilkes |
| No. 353. | Pine Level | J. H. Hicks |
| No. 488. | Babcock | J. L. Davis |

The proxies of the following Lodges do not state whether the Representatives are Past Masters, and without such knowledge we cannot recognize them as Representatives in this Grand Body:

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| No. 62. | Randolph | J. B. Tanner |
| No. 499. | Montrose | T. G. Wade |

The Worshipful Master of Ohoopee Lodge, No. 366, was taken sick just on the eve of his departure to this communication and appointed Brother G. W. Meadows, a member and Past Master of said Lodge, as Representative, but the Secretary being in the country some miles away, he could not secure a proxy under seal. Under these circumstances we recommend Brother Meadows be seated as the Representative.

The following are regular:

*Lodges**Past Masters*

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| No. 7. | Columbian | R. J. Hunter |
| No. 123. | Baber | H. W. Jernican |
| No. 130. | Mount Moriah | J. W. Culpepper |
| No. 162. | Joppa | R. A. Broach |

Lodges

Past Masters

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| No. 216. | Fulton..... | W. S. Richardson |
| No. 285. | Grantville | J. R. Cotton |
| No. 401. | Concord | R. C. Mathews |
| No. 408. | Crawford..... | J. W. Dickey |
| No. 470. | Stonewall..... | R. L. Bethea |
| No. 547. | Milner..... | J. C. Baird |

We find Lodge, No. 475, Meansville, proxy made to J. S. Brooks, Senior Warden of said Lodge, and being therefore irregular, we find that he is not entitled to represent his Lodge.

The Worshipful Master of Egypt Lodge, No. 440, at the last instant not being able to attend the Grand Lodge, wired R. G. Cartin to represent said Lodge. As Brother Cartin is a Past Master and this proxy in due form, will be forwarded, we recommend that he be seated as the Representative of said Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. L. BASS, *Chairman.*

VISITATION.

Right Worshipful George M. Napier, Senior Grand Warden, introduced Most Worshipful Joseph S. Murrow, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Grand Master Thos. H. Jeffries, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, extended Brother Murrow a cordial welcome and invited him to the East.

Brother Murrow responded to the welcome in a very feeling manner, and his address was much appreciated by the Grand Lodge.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was ordered printed:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Finance at the last Annual Communication made an introductory report and stated therein that after estimating the prospective assets and liabilities for the ensuing year, there would probably be on hand at this time an actual surplus of about seven thousand dollars. Both, receipts and expenditures, were in excess of the estimate about

the same amount, and the exact surplus on hand at this time, without touching the collections from the Subordinate Lodges, is \$5,110.97. The contributions to the Home fell off nearly eleven hundred dollars. The additional expenditures referred to above include repairs on building—twelve hundred and seventy-nine dollars, and insurance on the Home for five years at a cost of six hundred and sixty dollars.

The old claim of R. F. O'Shields against the Home, amounting to five hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty cents, has also been paid.

We have also lost the rent of the old property since the fire, amounting to about fifteen hundred dollars.

This latter loss, together with the shrinkage in contributions to the Home, would have brought the surplus up to the amount estimated.

All bills of every kind, including salaries, have been paid up to November 1st, and this Grand Lodge at this minute, does not owe one cent.

The pay roll at the last session reached high water mark—amounting to eighteen thousand, eight hundred and ninety-four dollars and sixty-five cents.

We estimate that the collections from all sources during the coming year will be about thirty-nine thousand dollars. This, added to the present surplus, will leave about forty-four thousand dollars available.

The expenses, including this session, will be in the neighborhood of thirty-four thousand dollars. So that this Grand Lodge will have a surplus of about ten thousand dollars at its disposal.

It must, of course, be understood that this estimate is based on ordinary running expenses only, and that if any unforeseen amounts are voted away or expended, this possible net surplus of ten thousand dollars will be correspondingly decreased.

Faternally submitted,

JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, *Chairman*,
JNO. R. STEPHENS,
J. A. LITTLEJOHN.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered printed for information:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

As Grand Secretary, I have the pleasure as required by Article No. 49, page 20, of the Revised Code, to make report of work done during the year:

REVISED MASONIC CODE.

On March 26th, copies of the Masonic Code, as revised by a committee raised by resolution of your last Communication, were sent to the

Masters of each Lodge, of whom I was directed by the committee to take a receipt, showing receipt of the Code sent his Lodge. These receipts to be signed by the Master and returned to be filed in this office.

These receipts were made out with name and number of the Lodge for which they were intended, and after being entered in alphabetical order in the record of receipts, were mailed under another cover to each Master. As yet 115 of these receipts have not been returned.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION.

I have been advised by the Grand Master during the year of special dispensations granted the various Lodges, the fees for which amounted to \$460. Of this amount \$348 has been collected, leaving a balance yet unpaid of \$112.

These special dispensations, after being recorded in a book kept for such purpose, have been properly charged in the ledger to the account of the Lodges for which they were granted and have been checked up by the Finance Committee. The Grand Master, in his address, having given a list of these dispensations, it is not necessary that they be reported here.

COLLECTIONS.

My Collections during the year are as follows:

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| Collections from all sources | \$28,739 75 |
| Paid to Grand Treasurer..... | 28,739 75 |

These items are all entered on my cash book, proper credit given the Lodges, and have been checked by your Finance Committee, I have therefore omitted them in this report.

PETITIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Twenty-two petitions, asking for new Lodges, have been received, of which number—Chester, Poplar, Bronwood, Jeffries, Metasville, Ty Ty, Bolingbroke, Nunez, Naylor, Center, Bay Branch, Alamo Ray's Mill, Brinson, Ducktown, Abba and Lax—have worked under dispensation.

Bristol, Carlton, Pace, Pott's Mountain and Eudora apply direct to this Communication for charters.

These petitions have been recorded and are in the hands of your Committee on Charters.

RETURNS.

487 Lodges have sent in returns. 176 checked and found correct. 151 checked and found incorrect, but by writing the Lodges I have been able to correct the same. In many instances four and five letters being necessary to get the information to make corrections, in a number of these returns. Seventy-two checked and found incorrect, and these are still incorrect on account of failure of Secretaries to give the desired information. Copies of my letters requesting this information are filed in said incorrect returns for the Committee. Eighty-eight were received too late to be checked. This leaves sixty-one Lodges to make returns during this session.

The amount of dues, as indicated by the 327 correct returns, has been properly charged on the ledger to these Lodges and these entries have been checked by the Finance Committee.

I have received notices from a number of Lodges of their failure to receive blanks for making their annual returns.

On August 1st last blanks for making returns to the Grand Lodge were mailed to the Secretaries elected for 1909, so far as I had received notice of such elections. Where no notice of election had been received for 1909, blanks were sent to the Secretary reported for 1908. At the time these blanks were sent out 115 Lodges had failed to send up reports of the elections of their officers for 1909.

RETURN OF ELECTIONS.

On December 1st, printed blanks for reporting the elections held in the Lodges are mailed to the Secretaries, and these should be filled out and returned to the Grand Secretary's office promptly after elections are held.

The elections taking place in December, all the returns should be sent in by January 15th, except in cases where Lodges for good cause are prevented from holding an election at the stated time, and these should be sent as soon as elections have taken place.

The Grand Secretary should know the names of the Master and Secretary of each Lodge, together with their postoffice addresses; and as this information can only be obtained from the returns of the election, it is very important that these should be sent up, that a correct mailing list might be made for use in the office in sending out matter intended for the Lodges.

Article 89, page 26, of the Masonic Code, reads as follows: "The Worshipful Master, immediately after the election of officers, shall cause the Secretary to send to the Grand Secretary's office a report of the officers elected."

Masters, in giving this matter their attention, will perform a good service to the Craft and prevent much confusion and trouble in mail matter going astray. At this time eighty-two Lodges have failed to send up reports of elections held in said Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. WOLIHIN,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother A. Q. Moody, Chairman, submitted his special report, which was adopted:

One year ago a request for recognition came from the Grand Lodge of San Salvador, composed of three Subordinate Lodges. Consideration was postponed until the present session of this Grand Body. Since that time we have been unable to obtain any further evidence to sustain the stability of the new Grand Lodge.

We recommend that action on the request of the Grand Lodge of San Salvador for recognition be indefinitely postponed.

A communication from Dr. J. H. Wallfisch, of Tilsit, Germany, has been referred to this Committee for investigation.

The doctor volunteers to act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge before a union of eight German Grand Lodges.

The doctor says he will charge no salary, but he will require that expenses incident to the office be paid.

This is an unusual proposition, to say the least.

The usual procedure is for the Grand Body receiving recognition to nominate a brother to fill the office of Representative.

We recommend that the proposal of Dr. Wallfisch be respectfully declined.

Fraternally submitted,

A. Q. MOODY,
Committee.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:

FINANCE.

Joseph C. Greenfield, *Chairman*,
J. A. Littlejohn, J. R. Stephens.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Q. Moody, *Chairman*,

GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

M. A. Weir, *Chairman*,
W. S. Smith, J. G. Lester.

AUDITING, No. 1.

E. L. Merrell, *Chairman*,
J. E. Mathis, A. W. Suttles.

AUDITING, No. 2.

R. H. Carpenter, *Chairman*,
E. A. Ware, J. Harwell House.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Frank H. Saffold, *Chairman*,

J. E. McClelland,
R. E. Edwards,
J. Homer Lewis,
W. J. Millican,
N. K. Bitting,
B. B. Gray,
W. L. Jenkins,

W. W. Webb,
W. J. Nunnally,
G. T. Gurr,
Jesse C. Bennett,
H. C. Stockdell,
W. W. Hardaway,
C. S. Reid.

CREDENTIALS.

Chas. L. Bass, *Chairman*,

J. A. McDonald,
R. A. Hosch,
C. C. McRae,
C. E. Brunson,
J. M. Rose,
J. M. Pilcher,
H. L. Culbertson,

Sam'l A. Brown,
J. T. Roan,
O. L. Holmes,
J. W. Wilson,
John Cochran,
A. H. Morris,
A. J. Head.

MEMORIALS.

A. D. Echols, *Chairman*,

J. S. L. Sappington,
A. M. Barrett,
S. A. Wilson,
W. G. Allaben,
J. W. Loving,
R. B. O. England,

R. D. Grigg,
W. H. Bridges,
B. F. Ingram,
J. M. Douglass,
J. J. W. Glenn.

RETURNS.

P. T. McCutchen, *Chairman*,

W. A. Simmons,
J. C. Harmon,

B. L. Patterson,
Chas. F. Morgan.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

P. H. Comas, *Chairman*,

J. T. Gibson,
Jas. W. Thomas,
E. H. Robertson,
J. W. Harper,
P. Wilson, Jr.
Robert Smith,
Jno. S. Schofield,

Jno. B. Clark,
J. J. Edenfield,
M. L. Moore,
T. D. Ridley,
Geo. R. White,
M. T. LaHatte.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Jas. W. Taylor, *Chairman*,

Meyerhardt,
Redwine,
Gable,
Walker,
A. Jordan,
H. Lloyd,
Levy,

Chas. P. Gordon,
T. E. Fletcher,
B. J. Edwards,
T. J. Lumpkin,
A. J. Cleveland,
Geo. W. Wells,
Frank A. Hooper.

BY-LAWS.

Geo. D. Rucker, *Chairman*,

Harvey,
Chastain,
Gurley,
Mobley,
A. Slaton,
Dover,
Les M. Tyson,

A. G. Head,
A. W. Morrow,
O. E. Lancaster,
J. T. Hyder,
W. E. Adams,
J. T. Longino,
N. G. Oattis.

CHARTERS.

T. H. Young, *Chairman*,

B. Crawford,
Gaines,
Powell,
I. Gardner,
Stephens,
Hubert,
Gillis,

D. J. Henderson,
J. F. Lee,
W. L. Selman,
W. K. Burnett,
Geo. A. Horkan,
Oscar Brown,
D. P. McArthur.

GENERAL WELFARE.

E. J. Henry, *Chairman*,

Brown,
H. Cantrell,
I. McElmurray,
Owen,
Parramore,
Barrett,
Brannon,

Hiram Davidson,
J. A. Sharp,
C. M. Candler,
C. D. Ogg,
J. H. Flythe,
P. V. Rice,
Claude Mayne.

RELIEF.

Wm. B. Kent, *Chairman*,

V. Barnett,
Marston,
Bridges,

Jas. M. Meadows,
P. E. Whittlesy,
Simon N. Gazan,

J. W. Symons,
T. C. McDonald,
W. H. Dean,
J. A. Lee,

G. S. Haslam,
T. E. Avery,
J. L. Burney,
G. P. Sneed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

R. B. Seagraves, *Chairman*,

Wm. M. Hobby,
Thos. Evans,
T. W. Faircloth,
J. A. Snellings,
H. M. Ziegler,
W. M. Roberts,
A. C. Moss,

J. N. Simpson,
S. A. Sweat,
W. A. Lanham,
M. L. O'Brian,
L. E. Cox,
D. R. Thornton,
J. M. Barton.

PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

Jno. R. Wilkinson, *Chairman*,

J. B. Clements,

J. A. Longley.

BOARD OF TEMPLE TRUSTEES.

Jno. R. Dickey, *Chairman*,

E. A. Heard,
Robert H. Taylor,

I. A. Bush, Sr.
Oscar E. Dooly.

WORK.

Right Worshipful Robert L. Colding offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the District Deputies exemplify the Master's degree this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Most Worshipful Max Meyerhardt offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on General Welfare :

Resolved, That the question of payment of per diem to Past Masters be referred to the Committee on General Welfare; and that this matter be made the special order of business for 8:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

RESOLUTION REFERRED.

Brother Ben. J. Edwards offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on General Welfare :

Resolved, That Section 104 of the By-Laws and Regulations of the

Grand Lodge be amended by striking from the fourteenth line of said Section the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three," and by striking from the sixteenth line of said Section the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two and one-half," so that said Section as hereby amended shall read as follows, to-wit:

"104. The moneys paid into the funds of the Grand Lodge being to defray the necessary expenses in the administration of its government, and to support the dignity and respectability thereof, and also for charitable purposes, it is, therefore, declared that no disbursement shall be made unless by a vote of the Grand Lodge, and it is further declared that the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, not being Representatives of Subordinate Lodges. The Representatives of Subordinate Lodges, and the elective Past Grand Officers in attendance upon the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall receive from the funds of the Grand Lodge three dollars per day for their actual attendance, and traveling expenses at the rate of two and one-half cents per mile by the nearest traveled route, in going to and returning from the Grand Lodge; provided, however, that the Representatives of no Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to pay who has failed to make its annual returns and pay its dues, until said returns are made and dues paid over to the Grand Secretary."

CALLED OFF.

On motion of Brother Joe P. Bowdoin, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

7:30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, with Grand Officers and Delegates as at morning session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brother P. H. Comas, Chairman, submitted his report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on the Grand Master's Address respectfully report and recommend that the same be distributed and referred as follows:

To the Committee on Memorials, so much as is included under the headings "Our Dead" and "Our Fraternal Dead."

To the Committee on General Welfare, so much as is included under the heads:

1. "Dispensations to lay Corner-Stones."
2. "Dispensations for New Lodges."
3. "Dispensations to Constitute New Lodges."
4. "Dispensations Miscellaneous."
5. "Masonic Code."
6. "Appointment of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Georgia."
7. "Appointment of Representatives near the Grand Lodges of State and Foreign Jurisdictions."
8. "Official Visitations."
9. "District Deputies."
10. "General Welfare."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence, so much as is embraced under the heads of "Decisions," "Changes of Venue," and "Law."

To the Committee on Masonic Home, so much as under the heading "The Home."

To the Committee on New Temple, so much as is embraced under the heading "New Temple."

To the Committee on Finance, all of the address that relates directly or indirectly to the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

We further recommend that in the matter of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, with the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, with the order of the Grand Master suspending the charter, and the subsequent edict modifying the same, with all the papers and records thereto, be referred to a committee of seven to be appointed by the Grand Master, the same to be thoroughly investigated and their findings reported to this Worshipful Body.

In conclusion, your Committee heartily commends the able address, replete with elegant diction and adorned with beautiful gems of poetry. No one who has heard it, or will have the pleasure of reading it, but will feel enthused over the situation, with an incentive to higher and purer impulses and nobler ideals. And the Craft of Georgia made no mistake when they placed on his brow the highest and grandest gift that can be conferred upon any man, and in his hands placed the sceptre of authority and called upon him to preside over the destiny of the Craft in this State. Alert, watchful, conservative, have been the dominant factors which marked his administration during the present year.

Alert that there should be no transgressions or violations of the Masonic law, and that the Lodges and Craft in general should be kept in the highest state of efficiency, compatible with present conditions.

Watchful of that vital and most essential principle of all institutions, the *finances*, without which they could not exist unless due care and precaution are taken in the collection and disbursement of same. The

record of his administration speaks for itself and needs no commendation upon the part of this Committee.

Conservative in the exercise of the powers granted to him and the duties imposed by his high office, his rulings and decisions show his loyalty and fidelity to the enforcement of the laws of the Order, exercising every faculty to allay strife and prevent factional differences in Lodges. He has ruled with firmness and kindness, and where punishment was necessary to be inflicted, justice was tempered with mercy.

This address appeals to the highest ideals and noblest impulses of man, and we feel assured when printed in the Record of our Grand Lodge and distributed throughout our Jurisdiction, it should arouse the dormant energies of all Masons to put forth their every effort in the cause of humanity, aiding in the dissemination of the sublime truths of our Order. It will prove an inspiration to all to press onward and upward to the attainment of the higher ideals which should actuate and possess every man. It will prove an incentive to the Craft, inspire fresh hope and courage in their heart, reanimate them to renewed exertion and endeavor to place Masonry upon the pinnacle intended by an all wise Providence it should occupy.

Faternally submitted,

P. H. COMAS, *Chairman*,
J. T. GIBSON,
JAS. W. THOMAS,
E. H. ROBERTSON,
J. W. HARPER,
P. WILSON, Jr.
ROBERT SMITH,
JOHN S. SCHOFIELD,
JOHN B. CLARK,
J. J. EDENFIELD,
M. L. MOORE,
T. D. RIDLEY,
GEO. R. WHITE,
M. T. LAHATTE.

COMMITTEE ON ARABI LODGE, NO. 387.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on the petition of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, for restoration of charter:

J. R. Irwin,
R. I. Battle,
G. A. Jackson,

M. J. Nevin,
W. H. Isbell.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES TO TAKE UP
CASE OF SALE CITY LODGE, VS. C. D. GAMMAGE.

Brother I. A. Bush offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appeals and Grievances be directed to take up and act upon the case of Sale City Lodge, No. 472, vs. C. D. Gammage.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Brother C. M. Candler offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, At the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge the report of the Committee on General Welfare recommended the adoption of the following resolution: "That from and after the close of this Annual Communication, that the Grand Lodge of this State shall not pay mileage nor per diem to any Master or Past Master, except to the accredited Representative of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction and to the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State." And,

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution on said report, and received commendation, to-wit: "That all that part of the report relating to the payment of mileage and per diem, to the Masters and Past Masters, be laid on the table and referred to the various Subordinate Lodges, with the request that their Masters and Past Masters be instructed to cast their vote in accordance with the wishes of the Lodge they represent; at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge." And,

WHEREAS, The returns in the hands of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary show that 308 Subordinate Lodges have voted for the adoption of said resolution and 186 against its adoption. And,

WHEREAS, It appearing that a majority of all the Lodges voting on said resolution and also a clear majority of all the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have voted in favor of its adoption. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That said resolution be now taken from the table and made the special order for Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

JEWELS OF HONOR PRESENTED.

Grand Master Jeffries, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented Brothers W. H. Lloyd and James P. Walker, each, a Past Master's badge of honor, Brothers Lloyd and Walker having been a member in regular attendance on the Grand Lodge for thirty consecutive years.

The appreciation of this honor was plainly manifested by the feeling manner in which the jewels were accepted by Brothers Lloyd and Walker.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES ELECTED.

The following brethren were elected by the Representative of their respective Districts, to serve as District Deputies, which election was approved by the Grand Lodge:

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| First District | F. H. SAFFOLD | Swainsboro |
| Second District | J. W. PEDDY | Dawson |
| Third District | L. J. BLALOCK | Americus |
| Fourth District | W. L. WILLIAMS | Columbus |
| Fifth District | CHARLES E. HALL | Atlanta |
| Sixth District | H. M. FLETCHER | Jackson |
| Seventh District | F. F. BAKER | Dalton |
| Eighth District | B. F. MOSELEY | Danielsville |
| Ninth District | ROBERT McMILLAN | Clarksville |
| Tenth District | W. F. LITTLE | Louisville |
| Eleventh District | O. H. McDONALD | Valdosta |

SPECIAL ORDER—EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

The hour for exemplifying the Master's degree having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called off until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

The following Deputies opened a Lodge of Master Masons for exemplification of the work:

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| N. H. BALLARD | Worshipful Master |
| L. J. BLALOCK | Senior Warden |
| A. J. MOONEY | Junior Warden |
| ROBERT McMILLAN | Secretary |
| W. F. LITTLE | Senior Deacon |
| H. M. FLETCHER | Junior Deacon |
| B. F. MOSELEY | Senior Steward |
| J. W. PEDDY | Junior Steward |

The Worshipful Master stated that the object of the meeting was to exemplify the work in the Master's degree, as per resolution of Grand Lodge, and that there was in waiting a Fellow Craft to receive this degree.

The candidate was properly prepared, introduced, and raised to the degree of Master Mason.

APRON PRESENTED TO WORSHIPFUL MASTER BALLARD.

Grand Master Jeffries, on behalf of the Board of Deputies, in a chaste and beautiful manner presented Worshipful Master Ballard with a handsome apron as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the Board of Deputies.

Brother Ballard accepted this evidence of appreciation in an appropriate manner.

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called off until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

October 27, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor with the same Grand Officers and Delegates as at the evening session.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the following Brethren were appointed as tellers:

D. W. BARNETT,

JOHN R. WILKINSON

J. B. CLEMENTS.

Before going into the election, Grand Master Jeffries, in a speech filled with expressions of profound gratitude for the many and continued honors conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge, stated that it was his sincere desire that no member of the Grand Lodge vote for his re-election. That others had wrought long and worthily, served faithfully and skillfully, and merited the highest honors. That he was not one of those who believe that the supreme honor should be continuously bestowed upon one brother; and, therefore, insisted that his most partial friends would refrain from voting for him.

The Grand Lodge proceeded with the election, which resulted as follows:

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| HENRY BANKS | Grand Master |
| GEORGE M. NAPIER | Deputy Grand Master |
| ROBERT I. COLDING | Senior Grand Warden |
| N. H. BALLARD | Junior Grand Warden |
| J. M. RUSHIN | Grand Treasurer |
| W. A. WOLJHIN | Grand Secretary |

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following brethren were granted leave of absence after today's session:

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| Henry Rivers, | R. W. Milner, |
| W. S. Smith, | M. M. Anderson, |
| A. W. Waller, | J. C. Powell, |
| E. H. Mason, | J. F. Bell, |
| M. T. LaHatte, | A. B. Mobley, |
| J. J. Nunnally, | D. W. Wilson, |
| R. C. Mathews, | S. N. Gazale. |

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called off until 2:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

2:30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor with the same Grand Officers and Delegates as at previous session.

DUPLICATE JEWEL OF HONOR.

On motion of Brother W. L. Williams, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to purchase and turn over to Brother W. S. Walker a duplicate of the Badge of Honor, presented to him some time ago, which was unfortunately lost in the floods near Campton during the present year.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR THE MASONIC HOME.

Brother W. A. Goodyear requested that a collection be taken up for a Thanksgiving dinner at the Home. Amount collected, \$56.00.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Special Order having arrived for the discussion of the question of payment of per diem to Past Masters, Brother C. M. Candler offered the following resolution calling up that part of report of Committee on General Welfare of 1908, which was laid on the table for action at this session :

WHEREAS, At the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the report of the Committee on General Welfare recommended the adoption of the following resolution, "That from and after the close of this Annual Communication, that the Grand Lodge of this State shall not pay mileage nor per diem to any Master or Past Master, except to the accredited Representative of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction, and to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State;" and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution on said report and recommendation, to-wit: "That all that part of the report relating to the payment of mileage and per diem to Masters and Past Masters, be laid on the table and referred to the various Subordinate Lodges, with the request that their Masters and Past Masters be instructed to cast their vote in accordance with the wishes of the Lodge they represent, at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge;" and,

WHEREAS, The returns in the hands of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary show that 308 Subordinate Lodges have voted for the adoption of said resolution and 186 against its adoption, and,

WHEREAS, It appearing that a majority of all the Lodges voting on said resolution, and also a clear majority of all the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have voted in favor of its adoption; therefore be it

Resolved, That said resolution be now taken from the table.

Resolution taken from the table :

The following resolution was then taken from the table and placed upon its passage:

Recognizing, however, an urgent necessity for some measure that will give us the means of advancing the cause of Masonry, we recommend the adoption of the second paragraph of said resolution as amended by your Committee, and which, as amended, reads as follows: "That from and after the close of this Annual Communication, that the Grand

Lodge of this State shall not pay mileage nor per diem to any Master or Past Master, except to the accredited Representative of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction, and to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State."

Amendment by Brother Joe P. Bowdoin :

That the resolution known as the Julius L. Brown resolution, providing for the payment of per diem to all Past Masters attending the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, be repealed, and in lieu thereof that Section 217, page 69, of the Masonic Code, be in force.

On vote being taken, the amendment was lost.

Amendment by Brother B. H. Patterson :

Resolved, That from and after the close of this Communication, that this Grand Lodge shall not pay mileage nor per diem to anyone except the Grand Lodge Officers who receive no salary, Past elective Grand Officers, the accredited Representatives of the several Subordinate Lodges, Trustees of the Masonic Home, the members of the Finance Committee, the members of the Auditing Committee, District Deputies, two members of the Committee on Returns, Special Committees appointed at previous communication to report, the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances and the Chairman of the Committee on Memorials. All of whom shall receive the regular mileage and per diem as now fixed by law.

On taking the vote, this amendment was lost.

Brother Frank Wilby moved that the Grand Secretary be requested to record the vote on this question.

This motion was lost.

Brother I. A. Bush moved that the vote be taken by a call of the yeas and naves.

This motion receiving the necessary Constitutional majority, the yeas and naves was ordered called.

The Grand Lodge then called off until 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, Grand Officers and Delegates as at previous session.

The Grand Secretary then called the yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas.

W. B. Spann,
S. E. Marston,
John Z. Lawshe,
C. A. Harwell,
R. J. Hunter,
E. J. Henry,
I. W. Jordan,
James W. Thomas,
L. L. Stanford,
Wat. M. Fletcher,
M. N. Horton,
Lloyd Cleveland,
W. L. Jenkins,
James E. Rickitson,
J. B. Ivey,
H. F. Southwell,
J. M. Austin,
S. A. Torbert,
C. E. Brunson,
Jesse C. Bennett,
P. Wilson, Jr.,
J. T. Bailey,
W. S. Davenport,
H. M. Fletcher,
C. W. Heard,
Simon N. Gazan,
J. E. Hyman,
C. J. Owen,
H. F. White,
Ellis Moore,
J. R. Carter,
J. V. Colvard,
W. A. Colquitt,
W. A. Prout,
R. B. Ogletree,
R. H. Utting,
H. C. Stockdell,
J. B. Burch,
A. J. Cavender,
C. M. Candler,

Robert L. Elkins,
L. C. Mauldin,
R. T. Allen,
W. G. Allaben,
D. W. Barnett,
T. L. Kitchersid,
F. A. Perry,
J. B. Smith,
G. T. Gurr,
R. W. Humphreys,
A. G. Janes,
M. J. Smith,
D. J. Henderson, Sr.,
Chas. H. Edwards,
F. W. Worrill,
Amos Walden,
D. I. Dawson,
J. D. Long,
Oscar Hairston,
J. W. Barron,
Julian Edenfield,
A. E. Stroehrer,
W. J. Mullen,
B. L. Rountree,
W. M. Hardaway,
W. E. Beacham,
G. C. Jones,
John I. Lane,
R. A. Maxwell,
I. D. Smith,
B. C. Kea,
C. T. Amerson,
C. M. Jackson,
E. A. Lewis,
A. N. Scarborough,
C. B. Crawford,
G. W. Richardson,
J. F. Lee,
J. W. Strickland,
O. P. Goodman,

Sam'l T. Hammond,
H. C. Sitton,
Gordon L. Groover,
J. I. Niblett,
John H. Harris,
Thomas Evans,
Jas. S. Calhoun,
W. H. Lloyd,
W. B. Rogers,
J. M. Williams,
B. L. Reese,
B. R. Harper,
E. M. Willingham,
J. P. Hall,
F. A. Hooper,
W. A. Simmons,
J. L. Brown,
J. A. Langley,
N. K. Bitting,
A. S. Harvey,
J. F. Singletary,
John L. Tison,
J. A. McDonald,
J. W. Culpepper,
R. S. Sanders,
F. E. Vonberg,
R. A. Broach,
J. H. Flythe,
H. H. Logan,
S. A. Bryan,
W. E. Merridith,
O. E. Lancaster,
J. N. Simpson,
J. W. Wilson,
W. S. Richardson,
R. A. Gober,
E. H. Rood,
F. O. Miller,
J. Y. Walker,
R. A. Moye,
G. A. Mathews,
J. T. Doby,
C. M. Tyson,
W. H. Gardner,
A. H. Hancock,
B. B. Wimberly,
H. M. Veach,

H. C. Tuggle,
J. S. Monk,
J. M. Pilcher,
J. W. Parrish,
W. G. Cowan,
B. R. Benton,
J. M. Jackson,
M. S. Long,
C. S. Branyon,
J. Z. Patrick,
S. M. Welborn,
J. T. Sharpe,
W. A. Dreyer,
J. R. Harper,
J. C. Baird,
R. A. Henderson,
J. L. Davis,
B. F. Edwards,
R. H. Taylor,
F. Bonner,
W. E. Carnes,
H. H. Fincher,
M. J. Mann,
R. L. Swatts,
W. C. Emory,
T. J. Simmons,
J. W. Henderson,
L. W. Mobley,
Gailard Carter,
L. A. Hartley,
J. C. Bowen,
T. W. Faircloth,
Y. C. Givens,
John R. Wilkinson,
J. C. Greenfield,
J. J. Nunnally,
W. J. Carter,
H. Lovejoy,
J. W. Harper,
G. H. Holiday,
J. L. Mayson,
B. R. Cardell,
E. A. Nesbitt,
F. T. Thomason,
D. W. Simmons,
W. A. Maxwell,
W. B. Watkins,

W. B. Parker,
W. R. Little,
M. E. Tyson,
G. W. Tarpley,
J. W. Pennington,
C. D. Ogg,
T. D. Walker,
T. F. Carter,
D. N. Williams,
A. G. Horton,
E. B. Douglas,
A. C. Fincher,
H. W. Jernigan,
I. A. Bush,
E. H. Bryant,
N. G. Oattis,
W. H. Reynolds,
Geo. E. Crawley,
W. L. Mardree,
O. H. McDonald,
J. F. Lunsford,
W. J. Oliver,
W. W. Hardaway,
E. M. Jennings,
E. W. Jones,
J. W. Loving,
S. A. Sweat,
W. E. Smith,
Walter B. Cheatham,
J. E. Wright,
J. T. Roan,
F. D. Wilkes,
H. G. Edenfield,
J. B. Weaver,
W. O. Crumbley,
P. D. Wooten,
John B. Clark,
G. W. Schramm,
J. L. Carman,
M. J. Pearce,
John S. Jenkins,
Robert F. Jackson,
M. J. Millican,
J. H. Cantrell,
James M. Meadows,
B. W. Pirkle,
M. M. Smith,

Emory Long,
J. S. Richardson,
W. R. Hammett,
Yancey A. Harris,
J. L. Gufford,
J. R. Dickey,
W. W. Solomon,
G. M. Napier,
A. J. Cleveland,
L. H. Wilkes,
E. C. McKinley,
R. N. Fickett,
S. B. Carpenter,
J. R. Atcheson,
F. B. Mitchell,
W. C. Maddox,
W. T. Lambert,
R. B. Tilley,
J. C. Stevens,
J. P. Bowdoin,
D. Raines,
J. T. Hollaway,
J. G. Stovall,
M. F. C. Brown,
A. J. Poole,
P. B. Lattimer,
D. F. Joyner,
W. J. Williams,
R. E. or R. R. Harris,
J. K. Orr,
R. L. Harrison,
A. J. Brooks,
W. T. Alexander,
J. T. Nolar,
George Moore,
D. T. Dumas,
W. S. Moore,
G. A. Coffee,
J. T. Henderson,
A. J. Durham,
J. R. Stevens,
A. J. Mooney,
J. B. C. Blitch,
D. P. Axsom,
W. P. Dobbs,
K. M. McDonald,
J. T. Whorley,

W. J. Etheridge,
 W. C. Hullender,
 J. H. Beck,
 D. J. Haney,
 I. G. Avery,
 C. C. McRae,
 J. C. Dover,
 Moses C. Cohen,
 J. J. Paramore,
 J. E. Dykes,
 T. W. Williams,
 Leo. H. Dyer,
 A. G. Villee,
 F. A. Hill,
 W. B. Griggs,
 E. G. Green,
 J. W. Harrison,
 B. L. Brinson,
 J. C. Davenport,
 R. L. Denmark.
 W. H. Griffin,
 J. W. Brinson, Jr.,
 A. W. Godwin,
 C. P. Snead,
 J. G. Tyler,
 S. P. Wall,
 A. W. Morrow,
 B. F. Rutledge,
 H. U. Harrison,
 N. S. Outlaw,
 J. L. Wolf,
 W. A. Bailey,
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 W. W. Callaway,
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 J. H. Hicks,
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 I. S. L. Miller,
 L. P. Gaines,
 S. L. Hayes,
 V. B. Moore,
 Boon Crawford,

J. A. Christopher,
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 J. L. Vickers,
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 J. E. Barron,
 E. R. Stewart,
 M. J. Nevin,
 G. L. Caruth,
 J. R. Irwin,
 J. C. Clements,
 N. H. Ballard,
 Frank Wilbey,
 G. Hardy,
 J. B. Martin,
 E. J. Peacock,
 J. A. Littlejohn,
 W. S. Wight,
 J. C. Harrison,
 W. D. Murray,
 W. T. Morgan,
 W. C. Birchmore,
 R. B. Seagraves,
 J. L. Elder,
 J. M. Wilson,
 M. McCormick,
 J. S. L. Sappington,
 A. E. Keese,
 R. L. Colly,
 Frank W. Coffin,
 Robert McMillan,
 Henry Banks,
 J. H. Huie,
 C. P. Taylor,
 E. F. Lupton,
 J. B. Roberts,
 B. F. Thurman,
 Charles P. Gordon,
 A. D. Echols,
 J. E. McClelland,
 B. F. Ingram,
 B. F. Prime,
 W. G. England,
 Robert L. Colding,
 Thos. H. Jeffries.

Naves.

I. R. Bridges,
R. F. Branan,
J. B. Tanner,
J. D. Hamrick,
J. J. Barnard,
T. F. Cordray,
J. T. Gibson,
W. N. Strange,
J. A. Estes,
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T. W. T. Wilson,
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J. A. McAlister,
W. L. Stinchcomb,
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W. H. Stephens,
A. O. Moore,
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W. T. Freel,
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C. E. Banks,
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F. S. Lofton,
Max Meyerhardt,
Martin Hamrick,
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J. L. Maxwell,
James A. Cothran,
W. B. Smith,

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R. H. Carpenter,
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E. L. Dorsey,
J. B. Christian,
J. T. Boice,
E. C. Moultrie,
H. L. Wilson,
T. H. Calhoun,
John C. Crombey,
J. J. Wynn,
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Lucius P. Farmer,
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C. H. Pope,
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 W. L. Selman,
 W. W. Halcombe,
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 Dan Gillis,
 J. J. Bordy,
 W. L. Sikes,
 G. W. Head,
 John J. Story,
 W. H. Hardy,
 G. W. McCoy,
 J. J. Harman,
 W. S. Lamb,
 C. W. Groover,
 E. C. Bridges,
 W. W. Zorn,
 W. H. McElmurry,
 T. R. Hoore,
 F. L. Beard,
 Ward Redwine,
 J. B. Clements,
 S. R. Brinson,
 W. M. Loggins,
 H. S. Causey,
 C. W. Burnett,
 B. H. Patterson,
 J. L. Burney,
 T. J. Wayne,
 I. F. Goodman,
 Aden Garrett,
 W. H. Lunsford,
 H. E. Gill,
 J. T. Davis,
 Geo. A. Moore,
 F. M. Chalker,
 T. J. Purdy,
 J. R. Cotton,
 G. A. R. Bible,
 S. B. Stuman,
 W. A. Couch,
 N. A. Bradford,
 H. P. Claxton,

W. T. Williams,
 F. J. Perry,
 J. A. Stevens,
 G. W. Whitten,
 W. C. Cornelius,
 A. L. Bartlett,
 L. E. White,
 J. L. Gable,
 M. D. Watkins,
 E. A. Hamby,
 R. A. Smith,
 T. J. Lumpkin,
 W. A. Morgan,
 J. T. Lee,
 J. L. Weaver,
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 G. T. Chandler,
 Jesse Clements,
 T. T. Key,
 J. W. Grant,
 R. I. Battle,
 T. M. Whatley,
 Thomas Young,
 N. W. Gable,
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 J. T. Johnson,
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 M. A. McCraney,
 S. F. Laidler,
 Henry Lynn,
 J. T. Graham,
 J. R. Kincard,
 A. J. Thomason,
 L. Warren,
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 J. F. Williamson,
 J. H. Hause,
 H. Taylor,
 J. T. McNew,
 J. T. Outlaw,
 W. D. Chapman,
 R. E. Pope,
 W. F. Castielaw,

Claud Mayne,
Z. Christopher,
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M. L. Moore,
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T. J. Murphy,
L. O. Williford,
Z. R. Smith,
R. F. Kincannon,
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A. A. Adcock,
J. G. Mallary,
W. A. Stephens,
J. B. Hardman,
G. A. Middleton,
C. W. Buxton,
D. H. Hamrick,
J. A. Shepard,
C. H. Averet,
J. M. Rose,
H. J. Dial,
W. W. Webb,
A. C. Moss,
A. H. Chappell,
J. J. Stephens,
T. D. Joyner,
T. H. Parker,
Geo. L. Mills,
B. L. Brown,
J. R. Cole,
J. W. Dickey,
J. L. Sappington,
W. T. Dyer,
J. M. Addington,
J. F. McGowan,
W. H. Jolly,
N. D. Norris,
T. S. Lindsey,
B. W. Lockhart,
J. J. Davis,
John Cochran,
J. S. Pickens,
C. W. Robertson,
J. T. Giles,
L. E. Cox,
S. A. Wilson,

J. C. Cannon,
W. H. Atkins,
W. L. Parker,
W. H. Mitchell,
J. M. Coles,
W. M. Tomlinson,
E. A. Jackson,
H. C. Ellis,
W. H. Threadgill,
W. H. Stevens,
C. A. Duncan,
L. T. Moses,
A. M. Barrett,
J. D. Barron,
K. P. Walton,
J. H. Burks,
C. L. Bartlett,
J. A. Hopkins,
J. N. Weidman,
J. Faircloth,
J. F. Adcock,
F. J. Freeman,
R. A. Brown,
J. B. Crawford,
R. H. Ginn,
Geo. P. Brice,
T. W. Dooly,
C. W. Grant,
S. H. Mix,
B. L. Camp,
J. Y. McDonald,
C. C. Lowe,
J. E. Brown,
F. M. Austin,
W. F. Golden,
J. W. Dozier,
J. W. Holmes,
N. J. McGee,
J. T. Walker,
J. M. Atkinson,
W. T. Green,
W. W. Wilson,
J. L. Lipscomb,
J. L. Harrell,
W. T. Crow,
D. A. Hudson,
Charles Bass,

John M. Hall,
J. B. Langford,
W. B. Hardy,
J. L. Prichett,
A. C. Jones,
M. L. O'Brien,
W. H. Hunter,
J. M. Rowe,
J. A. Snellings,
W. B. McDaniel,
I. N. Smith,
J. W. Fambrough,
W. E. B. Priester,
J. M. Barton,
H. F. Sheppard,
G. W. Meadows,
W. M. Roberts,
H. M. Zeagler,
J. A. Collins,
W. J. Bush,
J. E. Nabell,
H. S. Bragg,
G. C. Wilcox,
Geo. W. Wells,
R. G. Cartin,
W. W. Ragan,
W. C. Pangle,
T. J. Rizer,
J. J. McCollum,
H. M. Earnest,
W. J. Beard,
L. V. Matherson,
E. A. Harris,
L. Williamson,
D. E. McQuarie,
J. M. Darsey,
T. L. Roberts,
Alfred Jessop,
B. S. Johnson,
J. J. Martin,
W. P. Langford,
C. H. Williams,
Z. B. Moon,
L. W. Cunningham,
W. L. Craven,
C. C. Tracy,
Joshua Hammond,

A. J. Wheeler,
E. L. Merrill,
J. R. V. Stovall,
Z. T. Estop,
C. C. Nunnally,
M. J. Alexander,
J. T. Crouch,
J. A. Griffin,
W. G. Stroud,
J. W. Morrow,
A. J. Gullatt,
E. W. Butt,
R. C. Evans,
J. M. Sheffield,
C. I. Stamps,
J. W. McMurtry,
R. R. McArthur,
G. J. Thomas,
W. A. Bustle,
J. S. Rollins,
E. F. Dickson,
J. B. Longino,
J. B. Bell,
J. W. Lambert,
J. M. Douglass,
J. J. DuBose,
H. F. Puckett,
W. D. Echols,
E. W. Doneho,
C. F. Stroberg,
W. B. Haygood,
W. Cavender,
J. Q. Riggs,
L. C. Covington,
J. Tillman,
J. T. Chipley,
H. Burdett,
J. T. Latham, Jr.,
W. A. Wolihin,
J. J. Thornton,
S. A. Scott,
E. J. Young,
S. G. Brans,
O. Hendricks,
J. H. Pate,
G. E. Hunter,
E. M. Phillips,

F. B. Mitchell,
J. W. Cline,
O. D. Hardin,
George Morton,
W. K. Burnett,
A. H. Morris,
W. M. McLeod,
J. I. Maddox,
Adolph Dohn,

S. D. Allen,
J. S. Chambers,
R. L. Fincher,
J. R. Nettles,
W. H. Smith,
R. R. Bishop,
E. L. Womack,
H. N. Thigpen,
James W. Taylor.

Total Yeas, 362.

Total Nays, 393.

CALLED OFF.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 8:00 tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Oct. 28, 8:00 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, Grand Officers and Delegates as at previous session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

Brother T. H. Young, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Your Committee on Charters beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the various applications for charters and recommend that the following charters be granted:

Ideal Lodge, Macon County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Metasville Lodge, Wilkes County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Bay Branch Lodge, Screven County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Poplar Lodge, Bullock County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Duck Town Lodge, Forsyth County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Pine Stretch Lodge, Heard County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Brinson Lodge, Decatur County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Center Lodge, Jackson County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Jones Lodge, Jackson County, to be known as Lodge No. —
Nunez Lodge, Emanuel County, to be known as Lodge No. —

Eudora Lodge, Jasper County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Carlton Lodge, Madison County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Finleyson Lodge, Pulaski County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Bolingbroke Lodge, Monroe County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Ty Ty Lodge, Tift County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Juliette Lodge, Monroe County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Campton Lodge, Walton County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Grayson Lodge, Gwinnett County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Abba Lodge, Irwin County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Jeffries Lodge, Madison County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Ray's Mill Lodge, Berrien County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Bronwood Lodge, Terrell County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Pott's Mountain Lodge, Dawson County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Pace Lodge, Newton County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Bristol Lodge, Pierce County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Lax Lodge, Coffee County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Chester Lodge, Dodge County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Hebron Lodge, Banks County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Frank Lodge, Irwin County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Haddock Lodge, Jones County, to be known as Lodge No. —
 Naylor Lodge, Lowndes County, to be known as Lodge No. —

For the good of Masonry, we recommend that charter for Alamo Lodge, in Montgomery County, be not granted.

We recommend that Troup Factory Lodge, No. 115, be allowed to change its location to Stovall, Meriwether County.

Remove Sprayberry Lodge, to Rex in Clayton County.

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. YOUNG, *Chairman*,
 L. P. GAINES,
 W. B. CRAWFORD,
 J. C. POWELL,
 W. H. GARDNER,
 J. J. STEPHENS,
 DAN GILLIS,
 D. J. HENDERSON,
 J. F. LEE,
 W. L. SELMAN,
 W. K. BURNETT,
 GEO. A. HORKAN,
 D. P. ELLIS,
 D. P. McARTHUR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Brother A. D. Echols, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

One of old said, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like His." The great apostle to the Gentiles said, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor; yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ; which is far better." The cheering news comes to us that our brethren have been faithful to the end and have laid themselves down to rest in the bosom of their Lord.

"So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale, where storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day,
So dies a wave along the shore."

For information on the death of Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions, see the impressive address of our Grand Master.

Last year, from 143 Lodges, we had reported, 256 deaths. This year, from 127 Lodges, we have reported to us, 215 deaths, as follows:

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| Social, No. 1 | Cohen, Lewis | Nov. 5, 1909 |
| Social, No. 1 | Goodrich, Ed. C. | Aug. 12, 1909 |
| Social, No. 1 | Rossan, B. H. | Nov. 12, 1908 |
| Social, No. 1 | Tarver, W. H. | Jan. 11, 1909 |
| Solomon, No. 1 | Bruyn, D. | July 27, 1909 |
| Solomon, No. 1 | †Dussenbury, J. C. | May 19, 1909 |
| Solomon, No. 1 | King, Wm. D. | July 15, 1909 |
| Solomon, No. 1 | Purse, F. E. | Feb. 3, 1909 |
| Solomon, No. 1 | Wright, J. H. | Oct. 7, 1908 |
| Benevolent, No. 3 | †Caraker, Wm. | Feb. 8, 1909 |
| Benevolent, No. 3 | Caloway, J. O. | May 17, 1909 |
| Benevolent, No. 3 | Compton, L. H. | May 8, 1909 |
| Benevolent, No. 3 | Day, Robert L. | Feb. 17, 1909 |
| Benevolent, No. 3 | †Rose, H. M. | April 16, 1909 |
| Benevolent, No. 3 | ††Staley, Joseph | Feb. 23, 1909 |
| Orion, No. 8 | Coldwell, S. C. | July 8, 1909 |
| Americus, No. 13 | Fagin, G. N. | Oct. 13, 1908 |
| Americus, No. 13 | Cobb, G. S. | March 25, 1909 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Apple, B. J. | March 21, 1909 |
| Zerubbabel, No. 15 | Herman, Samuel | April 25, 1909 |
| Darley, No. 17 | Methvin, Ralph | Dec. 8, 1908 |
| Darley, No. 17 | Wash, J. A. | Dec. 20, 1908 |
| Darley, No. 17 | †Wooliff, R. W. | Jan. 1, 1909 |

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| Washington, No. 19 | †Moody, T. | |
| Washington, No. 19 | McDonald, J. J. | |
| LaFayette, No. 23 | Hardman, S. H. | Nov. 7, 1909 |
| Albany, No. 24 | †Tolbert, John C. | Sept. 7, 1908 |
| Philomatheas, No. 25 | Willis, C. C. | Aug. 19, 1909 |
| Philomatheas, No. 25 | Smith, W. C. | Oct. 14, 1909 |
| Kennesaw, No. 33 | †Waterman, | Aug. 16, 1909 |
| Houston, No. 35 | †Day, W. D. | Feb. 16, 1909 |
| Unity, No. 36 | Burns, J. M. | Nov. 1908 |
| Unity, No. 36 | Webb, T. W. | Sept. 6, 1909 |
| Pythagoras, No. 41 | †Kelly, J. H., Sr. | Dec. 23, 1908 |
| St. Johns, No. 45 | ††Haynes, J. J. | Feb. 2, 1909 |
| St. Johns, No. 45 | Robinson, E. C. | March 26, 1909 |
| St. Johns, No. 45 | Webb, O. C. | June, 1909 |
| St. Johns, No. 45 | Mays, R. L. | July 26, 1909 |
| Jasper, No. 50 | Parks, Q. S. | Dec. 17, 1908 |
| Jasper, No. 50 | Jones, R. A. | Sept. 20, 1909 |
| Jasper, No. 50 | †Florence, | Oct. 5, 1909 |
| Gladesville, No. 52 | Lowas, J. T. | Dec. 31, 1908 |
| Gladesville, No. 52 | †Grubbs, Jno. W. | Jan. 16, 1909 |
| Burns, No. 56 | †Parish, R. C. | Jan. 4, 1909 |
| Atlanta, No. 59 | Crawford, Joshua B. | March 29, 1909 |
| Atlanta, No. 59 | Cook, I. J. | Aug. 24, 1909 |
| Atlanta, No. 59 | King, Thos. J. | Jan. 2, 1909 |
| Coweta, No. 60 | Golden, F. G. | Nov. 2, 1908 |
| Coweta, No. 60 | †Pease, A. C. | Nov. 23, 1908 |
| Coweta, No. 60 | ††Swint, Thomas | April 23, 1909 |
| Cartersville, No. 63 | Anderson, O. D. | Jan. 28, 1909 |
| Cartersville, No. 63 | Asbury, C. V. | June 25, 1909 |
| Cartersville, No. 63 | Cobb, Geo. S. | Feb. 5, 1909 |
| Cartersville, No. 63 | Gaines, D. K. | April 13, 1909 |
| Cherokee, No. 66 | †Willingham, G. | Oct. 29, 1908 |
| Cherokee, No. 66 | Johnson, W. M. | Jan., 1909 |
| Cherokee, No. 66 | Clement, W. O. | May, 1909 |
| Cherokee, No. 66 | †Featherstone, C. N. | Aug., 1909 |
| Dawson, No. 67 | Rhodes, C. D. | Dec. 10, 1908 |
| Dawson, No. 67 | LeGiven, W. A. | Dec. 16, 1908 |
| Dawson, No. 67 | Veazey, P. G. | Dec. 5, 1908 |
| Carroll, No. 69 | White, S. C. | Jan. 12, 1909 |
| Carroll, No. 69 | Caldwell, J. L. | March 21, 1909 |
| Carroll, No. 69 | Cole, J. F. | May 31, 1909 |
| Laurens, No. 75 | Reinhardt, J. M. | Dec. 10, 1908 |
| Buchanan, No. 78 | Smith, H. H. | May 16, 1909 |
| Primrose, No. 79 | Craft, W. A. | Oct. 19, 1909 |
| Primrose, No. 79 | †Glover, J. D. | Oct. 6, 1909 |

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| Pinta, No. 88 | Lambdin, A. M. | July, 1909 |
| Pinta, No. 88 | Gunn, J. N. | Sept. 18, 1908 |
| Lookout, No. 98 | Purcell, T. K. | April 11, 1909 |
| McRae, No. 100 | Bright, Geo. T. | Feb. 14, 1909 |
| Chestatee, No. 102 | †Connor, M. H. | Feb. 3, 1909 |
| Dalton, No. 105 | †Echols, C. S. | |
| Dalton, No. 105 | Fincher, J. L. | |
| Dalton, No. 105 | Hightower, G. H. | |
| Dalton, No. 105 | †Souders, G. P. | |
| Quitman, No. 106 | †Boyd, H. A. | Aug. 7, 1909 |
| Summerville, No. 109 | Erwin, H. B. | May 20, 1909 |
| Jesup, No. 112 | †Goodbread, J. N. | July 24, 1909 |
| Oostanaula, No. 113 | Sullivan, Sr., | Oct. 23, 1909 |
| Baber, No. 123 | Mapp, G. H. | Sept. 4, 1909 |
| Tallapoosa, No. 126 | Potter, D. L. | Dec. 1, 1908 |
| Tallapoosa, No. 126 | Taliaferro, John | Aug. 31, 1909 |
| A. M. Wolihin, No. 132 | Cox W. R. | July 23, 1909 |
| A. M. Wolihin, No. 132 | †Brown, F. P. | Oct. 3, 1909 |
| Fergus, No. 135 | Weaver, R. L. C. | July 30, 1909 |
| Pine Log, No. 136 | Franks, L. C. | March, 1909 |
| Pine Log, No. 136 | Leach, Ed. | |
| Ellerslie, No. 144 | Green, Homer | Sept. 28, 1909 |
| Doerun, No. 151 | McMillan, J. W. | May 5, 1909 |
| Oothcaloga, No. 154 | Henderson, | Sept. 14, 1909 |
| Lexington, No. 158 | Lester, T. G. | May 15, 1909 |
| Roswell, No. 165 | †Crowley, J. O. | July 24, 1908 |
| Roswell, No. 165 | ††Talley, J. T. | Sept. 20, 1909 |
| Floyd Spring, No. 167 | †Earle, J. P. | Feb. 8, 1909 |
| Adairsville, No. 168 | †Yarborough, Perry | Dec. 23, 1908 |
| Adamsville, No. 170 | Howell, J. H. | June 10, 1909 |
| Acworth, No. 176 | Bryant, W. A. | July 30, 1909 |
| Acworth, No. 176 | ††Willis, Able | Aug. 13, 1909 |
| Pinegrove, No. 177 | †Turner, D. T. | July 27, 1909 |
| Fairburn, No. 180 | Harvey, M. P. | Oct. 31, 1908 |
| Fairburn, No. 180 | Smith, J. W. A. | Aug. 16, 1909 |
| St. John the Baptist, No. 184 | King, R. E. | June 15, 1909 |
| Harwell, No. 189 | ††Yates, Wm. P. | April 5, 1909 |
| Harwell, No. 189 | †Goss, Horatio J. | Sept. 17, 1909 |
| Rochelle, No. 190 | †Cane, A. B. | Nov. 27, 1908 |
| Rochelle, No. 190 | Helms, J. W. | Aug. 10, 1909 |
| Coffee, No. 193 | McEachin, M. A. | April 19, 1909 |
| Coffee, No. 193 | Mobley, W. L. | May 12, 1909 |
| Coffee, No. 193 | ††Bremen, J. H. | May 26, 1909 |
| Coffee, No. 193 | ††Progeon, E. | May 30, 1909 |
| Coffee, No. 193 | ††Williams, W. F. | Sept. 26, 1909 |

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| Hollinsville, No. 195..... | Carter, W. K. | May 1, 1909 |
| Hollinsville, No. 195 | Dear, J. H. | June 6, 1909 |
| Walton, No. 200 | ††Lancaster, J. M. | Aug., 1909 |
| Walton, No. 200 | ††Lane, C. Q. | Jan. 17, 1908 |
| Tunnel Hill, No. 202 | Cochran, E. C. | March 15, 1909 |
| A. J. Miller, No. 204 | ††White, J. E. | Sept., 1909 |
| Alpine, No. 211 | †Herndon, L. M. | Aug. 26, 1909 |
| Flowery Branch, No. 212 | †McCorry, D. S. | July 24, 1909 |
| Ogeechee, No. 213 | McLemore, H. T. | March 4, 1909 |
| Ocean, No. 214 | Clark, R. S. | Jan. 2, 1909 |
| Ocean, No. 214 | †Joerger, F. | May 6, 1909 |
| Fulton, No. 216 | Winn, T. J. S. | Feb. 5, 1909 |
| Fulton, No. 216 | †Cohen, Levy | Feb. 7, 1909 |
| Fulton, No. 216 | Barwald, Morace | Feb. 13, 1909 |
| Pickens Star, No. 220 | †Striplin, R. B. | Jan. 8, 1908 |
| Norcross, No. 228 | *Martin, A. J. | Jan. 10, 1909 |
| Duncan, No. 234 | Peepels, H. B. | July 9, 1909 |
| Screven, No. 248 | Bear, Wm. | March 25, 1909 |
| Woodstock, No. 246 | †Dobbs, D. W. | Dec. 9, 1908 |
| Arlington, No. 249 | Lyon, L. L. | June 5, 1909 |
| Smithville, No. 250 | Wells, W. D. | June 20, 1909 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Brunson, Wm. | June 5, 1909 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Hanson, W. T. | May 23, 1909 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Parrot, A. F. | Aug. 12, 1909 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Russell, P. E. | July 4, 1909 |
| Mabel, No. 255 | Waxelbaum, E. A. | Sept. 6, 1908 |
| Tennille, No. 256 | Cheatham, D. L. | Jan. 21, 1909 |
| Summertown, No. 264 | †Martin, Jno. R. | July 2, 1909 |
| Carters Hill, No. 268 | Treadwell, W. B. | May 25, 1909 |
| Hinesville, No. 271 | Freeman, L. D. | June 8, 1909 |
| Hinesville, No. 271 | Robinson, E. B. | June 26, 1909 |
| Hinesville, No. 271 | Zorn, W. J. | April 18, 1909 |
| Western Light, No. 272 | Famherlin, B. O. | Nov. 6, 1908 |
| Western Light, No. 272 | †Harrell, B. H. | Sept. 3, 1909 |
| Friendship, No. 273 | Williams, J. F. | May 25, 1909 |
| Mobley, No. 277 | Kendall, E. T. | Nov. 1, 1908 |
| Mobley, No. 277 | Kendall, I. H. | Dec. 14, 1908 |
| Mobley, No. 277 | Fields, A. R. | April 23, 1909 |
| Mobley, No. 277 | Goodin, L. C. | Aug. 27, 1909 |
| Douglasville, No. 289 | Maxwell, J. G. | May 20, 1909 |
| Cairo, No. 209 | †Singletary, Wm. | Oct. 19, 1909 |
| Mount Hermon, No. 304 | ††Clark, Wm. L. | Dec. 18, 1908 |
| Mount Hermon, No. 304 | Kendall, Chas. A. | Jan. 26, 1909 |
| Mount Hermon, No. 304 | McRee, H. C. | June 3, 1909 |
| Eureka, No. 313 | †Baker, J. H. | June 13, 1909 |

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| Eureka, No. 313 | Paulk, J. W. | Dec., 1908 |
| Eureka, No. 313 | †Young, H. B. | Feb., 1909 |
| Meyerhardt, No. 314 | Baker, J. D. | April 1, 1909 |
| Irwinville, No. 315 | ††Young, George | |
| Irwinville, No. 315 | Yarborough, Jas. H. | |
| Girard, No. 317 | Mobley, B. H. | Oct., 1909 |
| Bussey, No. 320 | Bowden, T. W. | Jan. 25, 1909 |
| Bussey, No. 320 | Brown, J. T. | Feb. 29, 1909 |
| Nelms, No. 323 | †Kendley, J. R. | Feb. 21, 1909 |
| Nelms, No. 323 | Blair, S. W. | July 12, 1909 |
| Vienna, No. 324 | Forehand, J. H. | July 13, 1909 |
| Vienna, No. 324 | Brown, H. C. | July 30, 1909 |
| Kite, No. 327 | Claxton, J. H. | Nov. 17, 1909 |
| Vidalia, No. 330 | Hamilton, C. S. | |
| Winder, No. 33 | Morris, C. J. | Dec. 4, 1908 |
| Winder, No. 333 | ††Bradbury, L. Y. | April 1, 1909 |
| Winder, No. 333 | Kilgore, J. H. | Sept. 24, 1909 |
| John H. Jones, No. 348 | Johnson, J. F. | Dec. 17, 1908 |
| Lincolnton, No. 354 | ††Cartledge, Jesse M. | |
| Whigham, No. 356 | Barrow, J. L. | June 20, 1909 |
| Pine Level, No. 353 | †Pearson, Wm. | July 25, 1909 |
| DeSoto, No. 361 | Allen, R. A. | April 13, 1909 |
| Taylor, No. 363 | †Rowe, Jas. A. | Jan. 25, 1909 |
| Rocky Ford, No. 372 | Newton, Jas. | Oct. 25, 1909 |
| Siloam, No. 375 | †Bell, A. S. | June 19, 1909 |
| Dover, No. 383 | Tarver, John | Oct. 26, 1908 |
| White House, No. 392 | †Parks, John | May 11, 1909 |
| Warwick, No. 395 | Harris, C. H. | Aug. 25, 1909 |
| Rossville, No. 397 | Hargrove, W. H. | May 9, 1909 |
| Rossville, No. 397 | Christian, H. | Nov. 6, 1908 |
| Forest, No. 399 | ††Wells, A. J. | Sept. 10, 1909 |
| Centralhatchee, No. 403 | †Smith, John | |
| Shannon, No. 404 | Porterfield, W. E. | Feb. 24, 1909 |
| Shannon, No. 404 | Ford, A. W. | May 4, 1909 |
| Rhine, No. 409 | Lancaster, C. C. | Aug. 2, 1909 |
| Blue Ridge, No. 411 | Diskey, J. E. | Dec. 12, 1908 |
| Blue Ridge, No. 411 | Quinn, A. E. | April 18, 1909 |
| Milltown, No. 434 | Taylor, Luther M. | Feb. 6, 1909 |
| Amity, No. 448 | Booker, V. L. | Dec. 25, 1908 |
| Gordon Springs, No. 463 | McArthur, E. D. | April 18, 1909 |
| Gordon Springs, No. 463 | Cleybourn, W. D. | Aug. 19, 1909 |
| Camden, No. 476 | Rose, D. P. | July, 1909 |
| Lyons, No. 478 | Cligton, Peter | Sept. 23, 1909 |
| Gordon, No. 481 | Sutton, J. P. | Aug. 9, 1909 |
| Gordon, No. 481 | Slaughter, W. G. | Oct. 23, 1909 |

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| Palestine, No. 486..... | Armstrong, | Feb. 2, 1909 |
| Jason Burr, 491..... | †Partridge, W. H..... | Oct. 8, 1909 |
| Butler, No. 493..... | Wiley, J. F..... | April, 1908 |
| Butler, No. 498..... | Hart, W. S..... | Sept. 3, 1909 |
| Montrose, No. 499..... | Prince, W. W..... | June 1, 1909 |
| Montrose, No. 499..... | White, J. W..... | July 30, 1909 |
| Edison, No. 500..... | Wootten, D. L..... | March 31, 1909 |
| S. G. Kent, No. 501..... | Wilks, W. W..... | Nov. 27, 1908 |
| S. G. Kent, No. 501..... | Branch, G. W..... | March 27, 1909 |
| Truth, No. 505..... | Etheridge, | Sept. 28, 1909 |
| Spread, No. 529..... | Lasiter, O. F..... | Aug. 6, 1909 |

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.

Brother L. D. Carpenter, Chairman, submitted the following, which was ordered printed:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

The Committee on Mileage beg to make this, their annual report, for the year 1909:

At the session of this Grand Body for 1904, a committee was appointed to revise the mileage from the various Lodges in Georgia to Macon. That committee consisted of Brethren L. D. Carpenter, Chairman, E. H. Robertson and F. McC. Brown.

As Brethren Robertson and Brown resided quite a distance from Atlanta, they delegated Brother Carpenter, Chairman, to assume the duties necessary to accomplish the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

As I, the person now addressing you, am the one referred to as Chairman of this Committee in 1904, did, with hesitancy, accept the task, you will excuse me for using the personal pronoun "I"

I immediately found that much careful thought and labor would be required, of me, to carry out the duties before me, and had it not been for the kind suggestion of a Worshipful Brother, then of Georgia, now of Texas, who is an expert railway man, in this department, I do not think I could have accomplished successfully and satisfactorily the task before me.

Many times I found it necessary, in passing a Delegate from his Lodge to Macon, to figure over three or four lines of railroad, also several times found it necessary to figure a Delegate, from his Lodge—ten to twenty-five miles in the country—to the nearest railway station, thence on to Macon.

The various new railroads, passing through Georgia, and the shortest traveled route being the one to establish the mileage, your Committee

found, on this basis, a saving to this Grand Lodge in their annual report of 1905, of \$400.

To illustrate: Atlanta to Macon, old rate was 103 miles, now it is 88; Savannah, old rate to Macon, 192, now 172. There are others in various parts of the State of a like character.

The increase of new railroads through the State, and the changes made in those already established, has made it necessary to revise the mileage report from year to year, and will so continue in the future. These conditions affect the pay roll of Auditing Committee, No. 1, as a transfer must be made from the pay roll of a previous year to the new book of the present year.

The Chairman of the Mileage Committee must be present with Auditing Committee, No. 1, to make the transfer correct. As I have been honored by being the Chairman of this Committee from year to year to the present time, I have attended to these duties in person.

In 1904 there were 471 Lodges, in 1909 there are 548 Lodges, (No. 1 is counted twice.) The mileage covered from all Lodges to Macon, in 1909, is 65,073 miles. With one Delegate from each Lodge in Georgia, you can readily understand the expense to this Grand Lodge (at ten cents per mile round trip.)

There is likely to be twenty or thirty new charters granted at this session of the Grand Lodge, this will increase the receipts of the Grand Treasurer, and will also increase the pay roll.

The railroads of Georgia are constantly straightening out crooked places, filling ravines and cuts, new railways traversing the State, all combined tends to shorten the mileage, more or less, each year. This is very well illustrated by the schoolboy in the days of the "Old Webster Spelling Book." This question was asked a keen eyed boy, "Johnny, how far is it to Mr. Jones' barn?" Answer: "It used to was be about four miles, but since the trees has been cut away, and the sun has swiveled up the road its tue and a half?"

This is applicable to the mileage in Georgia.

Fraternally submitted,

L. D. CARPENTER, *Chairman.*

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Right Worshipful Henry Banks submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

MOST WORSHIPFUL THOS. H. JEFFRIES,

Grand Master F. & A. M. of Georgia.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother: In compliance with your request and by invitation of Most Worshipful George B. Orlady, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, I visited the City of Philadelphia, Penn., June 1, 2, and 3, last, and attended a Conference of Grand Masters of Grand Jurisdictions East of the Mississippi river.

Your Representative was accorded all the honors due your exalted station. The Conference was for the purpose of discussing various subjects of Masonic jurisprudence and methods of procedure in the different Jurisdictions.

At the beginning of the Conference it was agreed that all recommendations adopted should be only such as should receive the unanimous approval of the Conference. A great many subjects were discussed, the following only were approved and adopted for recommendation to the different Grand Jurisdictions for their adoption.

UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

The name of the petitioner should be subscribed in full in the petition.

The date and place of the birth of the petitioner should be given in the petition.

The occupation of the petitioner should be designated in the petition specifically and in detail, both in relation to himself and employer, if any.

Where the petitioner resides in a city having streets that are named and houses that are numbered, he should state in his petition the name of the street and number of his house.

The members of the Investigating Committee, where such a committee is appointed, should subscribe to a report in writing when required as to a thorough investigation of the character of the petitioner, this recommendation applying only to those Jurisdictions where reports in writing are required.

A petition to be made a Mason should state that the petitioner has never before petitioned a Lodge of Masons to be made a Mason, or in cases where the petitioner has before petitioned to be made a Mason, he should state the name, number, location and Jurisdiction of the Lodge previously petitioned and the date as near as may be of such petition.

A petitioner should have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge for one year, that is, have had a legal residence there for one year.

When application is made by a petitioner whose legal residence is in another Jurisdiction, which, by its laws, claims the petitioner as its material, a waiver of jurisdiction should be requested from the last named Jurisdiction.

The form of "Renunciation" used in Pennsylvania should be required from petitioners who have been identified with clandestine bodies.

PENNSYLVANIA FORM OF RENUNCIATION.

Renunciation.

No.

Know all men by these Presents, that I, a citizen of Georgia; age,; occupation,; residence, Georgia; aver and declare on my personal honor that on the day of, 190..., I became identified with an association of alleged Freemasons, known as, under a misunderstanding as to its constitution and authority in this Commonwealth; and a subsequent

investigation has convinced me that it is a clandestine body, without lawful authority to confer any of the degrees of Free and Accepted or Ancient York Masonry in Georgia, therefore, I hereby, of my own free will and accord, and with full knowledge of the consequences of my act, freely, solemnly and sincerely renounce all obligations and allegiance to said unlawful and clandestine association, and I further avow and declare that I will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, have or hold any intercourse or affiliation of any character with said clandestine association.

On the.....day of....., 190..., I gave notice in writing to the officers of said association that I have permanently severed all relations and affiliation therewith and allegiance thereunto.

Name in full.....

Signed in presence of—

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 The original should be forwarded to the office of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and a duplicate thereof accompany the petition presented to the Lodge.

No petition to be made a Mason should be received from one previously rejected in another Jurisdiction, within five years after such rejection, until the rejecting Lodge has by unanimous ballot waived its claim of jurisdiction.

All intra jurisdictional communications should be sent through the offices of the Grand Masters.

**SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS AT
 PHILADELPHIA, PENN., JUNE 1, 2 AND 3, 1909.**

What length of time should a petitioner reside within the neighborhood of a Subordinate Lodge immediately prior to the presenting a petition for initiation and membership therein?

What facts should the petition contain?

For what length of time should a recommender be personally acquainted with a petitioner?

What facts should a favorable report of a Committee of Inquiry contain?

Should affiliate Grand Lodges in the United States and Provinces be notified of rejections?

What length of time should be required to obtain Masonic residence in a Jurisdiction other than that of birth or one legally acquired?

Should employment in the service of the Government affect the Masonic residence of a petitioner?

What requirements should be made of petitioners who have been identified with clandestine bodies?

Avouchment of visitors?

Should dual membership be permitted, and if so how should it be regulated?

Printed Rituals?

Requirements to warrant advancement from one degree to another as to qualifications and as to time limits?

Physical disqualification subsequent to receiving Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree before advancement?

Length of time jurisdiction is claimed over a rejected petitioner?

What jurisdiction should a Grand Lodge assert over a Mason who is not a member of a Subordinate Lodge of that Jurisdiction?

Printed Rituals—All Representatives present, except four, voted against printed Rituals, Codes, Signs, Symbols, Ciphers, no matter how secretly the same may be guarded.

Visitation of Lodges by non-affiliate Masons?

Signing of the By-Laws of the Lodge?

Receiving Entered Apprentice degree in one Jurisdiction and the other degrees in another Jurisdiction, or conferring degrees by courtesy, so-called?

Correspondence between Jurisdictions?

Representatives of Grand Lodges?

Objection after the petitioner is ballotted for?

Advisability of a future Conference?

Faternally,

HENRY BANKS,
Deputy Grand Master.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARABI LODGE, NO. 387

Brother J. R. Irwin, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We, your Special Committee, appointed at this Grand Communication to investigate the status and affairs of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, beg to make the following report:

1st. We find from all of the information at our command, that all of the charges against members of said Lodge have been tried by said Lodge and appeals taken on same to this Grand Body and the judgments of Arabi Lodge sustained.

2d. We further find that the differences now existing between the members of said Lodge arise from what they believe ought to have been done by this Grand Lodge in the cases brought here by appeal from said Lodge. We further find that twenty-eight out of the forty members of said Arabi Lodge want the charter restored, pledging their honor as Masons to the restoration of harmony in their Lodge.

We therefore recommend, That the temporary order granted by Grand Master Thomas H. Jeffries suspending the charter of Arabi Lodge, No. 387, be set aside and their charter restored to them by this Grand

Lodge, and that the present officers of said Lodge be authorized to exercise the powers and functions of their positions until their successors are elected and installed, and that an order shall issue by the proper officers of this Grand Lodge to that effect.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. IRWIN, *Chairman*,
M. J. NEVIN,
R. I. BATTLE,
W. H. ISBELL,
G. A. JACKSON,

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HOME.

Brother T. J. Carling, for the Trustees, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

Brothers—Your Board of Trustees beg leave to report that they have given the Home and its affairs full attention and report the following as the status of affairs at this time, to-wit:

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| Received from Grand Treasurer for maintenance | \$6,000 00 |
| Balance cash on hand as per last report..... | 26 10 |
| Sale of farm truck and cash discounts..... | 16 49 |

Total receipts from all sources.....\$6,042 59

Total expenses as per vouchers submitted and passed on by the

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Finance Committee..... | \$5,920 77 |
| Cash on hand to balance..... | 121 82 |

At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, there was appropriated to the Home for maintenance. \$7,200.00. You will note by the above that your Trustees drew out but \$6,000.00, leaving a balance of the appropriation still in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$1,200.00.

The Trustees feel that they have given to the inmates of the Home every comfort necessary for their maintenance during the past year, but with strict economy, and therefore saved \$1,300.00 of the appropriation. Last year the number of inmates was 32. During the present year there was an average of 34, there being now in the Home 37. Last year the per capita cost was \$211.90; the present year an average of 34 inmates at a per capita cost of \$174.14.

Early in the year we needed more room and to that end converted the large hall on the third floor into a girls' dormitory. To do this it was necessary to expend for beds, etc., \$108.09. This was paid out of a special appropriation made by the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of Cordele. This fund was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the purpose of furnishing rooms, and therefore the Trustees drew on this

special appropriation for this amount, and has placed over the door the name of Cordele Lodge, Chapter and Commandery as furnishers of this room.

There was received from various Lodges by the Napier Resolution, \$261.76, which was turned over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor; said receipts submitted to the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge, which has passed on them and found them correct. Every bill and salary account up to and including the thirty-first of October, is paid, and as above stated, we have cash on hand of \$121.82 and still \$1,200.00 of the appropriation in the hands of the Grand Treasurer which has not been touched. The itemized report and expenditures have all been submitted to the Finance Committee and can be published or not, as this Grand Lodge sees fit, in the Journal as it was last year.

The Home is in fairly good condition, the inmates happy, and all applications for admission have been promptly acted on, wherever they came within the provisions of the law, were promptly admitted. We have now two vacant rooms but have two applications now before us for admittance, which, after the law is complied with, will fill these two rooms.

The Board of Trustees respectfully recommends that the membership of the Order of Eastern Star in good standing be eligible for admittance to the Home. We further recommend that the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star be authorized to elect two lady Trustees of their Chapter as members of the Masonic Home Board.

Faternally submitted,

T. J. CARLING,

Secretary Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Brother F. H. Saffold, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

The Committee, consisting of F. H. Saffold, Chairman, J. E. McClelland, R. E. Edwards, W. J. Millican, N. K. Bitting, B. B. Gray, W. L. Jenkins, G. T. Gurr, W. W. Webb, Jesse C. Bennett, W. W. Hardaway. Said Committee was organized by electing R. E. Edwards as Vice-Chairman, and J. E. McClelland as Secretary. After organization, a resolution was offered and adopted unanimously that any five of said Committee should constitute a quorum, and said Committee begs leave to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia the following:

Your Committee, to whom was referred such matters as should properly come before them, beg to submit the following:

The following members of the Committee present and voting, to-wit:

F. H. Saffold, Chairman, J. E. McClelland, R. E. Edwards, W. J. Millican, N. K. Bitting, B. B. Gray, W. L. Jenkins, G. T. Gurr, W. W. Webb, Jesse C. Bennett, W. W. Hardaway. They beg to submit the following :

The following members were recommended for expulsion, under the head of "un-masonic conduct," for non-payment of dues. The action of the Subordinate Lodge is sustained and the Committee recommends that the following named members be expelled in accordance with the recommendations of the various Lodges, to-wit :

- Case No. 1022—L. E. Mathews, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
- Case No. 1021—A. R. Grogan, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
- Case No. 1020—H. A. Kellogg, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
- Case No. 1019—F. M. Gibson, Vidalia Lodge, No. 330.
- Case No. 1018—G. F. Orr, Vidalia Lodge, No. 330.
- Case No. 1024—J. H. Dorminy, Dorminy's Mill Lodge, No. 286.
- Case No. 1036—M. T. McClesky, Sandy Plains Lodge, No. 377.
- Case No. 1023—H. C. Gosnell, Piedmont Lodge, No. 447.
- Case No. 1029—C. C. Morgan, Newington Lodge, No. 503.
- Case No. 1034—G. W. Hansard, Waco Lodge, No. 332.
- Case No. 997—J. W. Ethridge, Philomatheia Lodge, No. 25.
- Case No. 998—B. F. Smith, Philomatheia Lodge, No. 25.
- Case No. 999—T. G. Camp, Live Oak Lodge, No. 137.
- Case No. 1000—H. H. Cheatham, Live Oak Lodge, No. 137.
- Case No. 1001—T. W. Holmes, Live Oak Lodge, No. 137.
- Case No. 1002—D. E. Shiplett, Live Oak Lodge, No. 137.
- Case No. 1003—J. S. Sheffield, Live Oak Lodge, No. 137.
- Case No. 1004—J. F. Johnson, Lost Mountain Lodge, No. 357.
- Case No. 1005—Lucius H. Hook, Lost Mountain Lodge, No. 357.
- Case No. 1006—John H. Collins, Lost Mountain Lodge, No. 357.
- Case No. 1010—W. M. Manus, Morven Lodge, No. 254.
- Case No. 1017—J. E. Futrell, Vidalia Lodge, No. 330.
- Case No. 976—A. M. Kirk, Bolton Lodge, No. 416.
- Case No. 996—Lee Y. Davis, Philomatheia Lodge, No. 25.
- Case No. 987—C. H. Pittman, Coweta Lodge, No. 60.
- Case No. 989—O. W. Watson, Coweta Lodge, No. 60.
- Case No. 970—T. G. Underwood, Maysville Lodge, No. 347.
- Case No. 988—W. M. Glass, Coweta Lodge, No. 60.

The following names, recommended for expulsion for non-payment of dues, are respectfully returned to the Lodges named for the reason that there does not appear on the papers sent up the seal of the Lodge, to-wit :

- Case No. 1008—W. A. Barrett, Folkston Lodge, No. 196.
- Case No. 1007—W. M. Baldwin, Folkston Lodge, No. 196.

This Committee, with great reluctance, but with the desire to impress upon the various Subordinate Lodges the importance of strictly conforming to the Masonic law as prescribed by the Masonic Code, page 83, Section 321, which is as follows: "A Lodge Secretary is bound,

without any Lodge action so directing, to transmit to the next Grand Lodge Communication a report of a trial in which a brother has been charged, tried and convicted and recommended for expulsion, and a failure to do so without satisfactory excuse subjects him to charges. The report of a trial in which a convicted brother is recommended for expulsion must always be sent to the next Grand Lodge Communication and the record must show service on the accused, or legal excuse for non-service." The Committee is therefore compelled to return to the various Lodges, and the names therein set out, the recommendations sent up by said Lodges, for the reason that there appears no record of any sort of service. There should be with the record a certificate of service by the Secretary or a sufficient reason given for non-service. The following are returned for the reasons stated:

- Case No. 973—W. D. Culbreth, Harmony Lodge, No. 405.
- Case No. 972—M. L. Phillips, Harmony Lodge, No. 405.
- Case No. 1033—J. D. Howell, Butler Lodge, No. 493.
- Case No. 1035—Chas. A. Ricks, Whitesburg Lodge, No. 336.
- Case No. 1014—Joseph Teasley, Tilton Lodge, No. 291.
- Case No. 1032—A. S. Mills, Bluffton Lodge, No. 287.
- Case No. 995—J. H. Crawford, Martin Lodge, No. 517.
- Case No. 994—D. H. Bozeman, Cool Spring Lodge, No. 185.
- Case No. 993—R. L. Brannan, Southwestern Lodge, No. 143.
- Case No. 992—W. H. Mitchell, Meigs Lodge, No. 459.
- Case No. 991—L. D. Day, Kennesaw Lodge, No. 33.
- Case No. 990—R. W. Wheeler, Oceana Lodge, No. 380.
- Case No. 983—U. G. Brock, Tallapoosa Lodge, No. 126.
- Case No. 979—W. E. Grier, Primus Lodge, No. 344.
- Case No. 978—M. H. Bronson, Pine Level Lodge, No. 353.
- Case No. 977—J. H. Lowery, Bolton Lodge, No. 416.
- Case No. 975—S. D. Durham, Howard Lodge, No. 138.
- Case No. 969—M. M. Williams, McCay's Lodge, No. 423.
- Case No. 968—John F. Studstill, Milltown Lodge, No. 434.
- Case No. 974—T. R. Crovatt, Thomasville Lodge, No. 369.
- Case No. 971—B. M. Mathis, Floyd Springs Lodge, No. 167.
- Case No. 985—R. I. Beasley, Horeb Lodge, No. 281.
- Case No. 986—S. W. Willis, Elm Lodge, No. 495.
- Case No. 984—M. W. McLendon, Edison Lodge, No. 500.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the action of the Lodge be sustained in recommending the expulsion of the following names for gross unmasonic conduct:

- Case No. 1013—J. F. Wright, Locust Grove Lodge, No. 262.
- Case No. 1015—H. F. Morris, Springville Lodge, No. 153.

Your Committee concurs in the action of the Lodge in Case No. 1011, V. C. Davis, McCay's Lodge, No. 423. The appeal in said case being insufficient and is therefore dismissed.

Your Committee begs leave to report the following on Case No. 982, A. C. Fallin, Coolidge Lodge, No. 504. The Committee on Appeals and

Grievances having recommended at the session of the Grand Lodge convened in October, 1908, that for the good of Masonry and to the end that justice might prevail, that it was necessary for a change of venue. This recommendation was followed and said case was referred to Thomasville Lodge, No. 369, and upon the trial, the said A. C. Fallin was found not guilty, and the record shows the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master T. H. Jeffries. The Committee concurs in said finding.

No. 1031, F. L. Dyer, Oothcaloga Lodge, No. 154. The Committee recommends the restoration as prayed.

Your Committee returns Case No. 981, T. N. Gandy, Shalto Lodge, No. 237, for the reason that this appears to have originated in Dixie Lodge, No. 242, and a change of venue was ordered to Shalto Lodge. There does not appear with the record the original papers nor does the seal of the Lodge appear on the returns made by Shalto Lodge, and the Shalto Lodge is requested to attach its seal if the report made is correct and also attach the original record from Dixie Lodge, and send said record to the Grand Secretary in order that the case may be disposed of.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation for the restoration in the following cases:

Case No. 1025—W. C. Thomason, Goshen Lodge, No. 71.

Case No. 1026—J. T. Veal, Goshen Lodge, 71.

Case No. 1030—W. H. Hendricks, Texas Lodge, No. 351.

Case No. 1028—H. E. Center, Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 411.

Case No. 1027—O. E. Deadwyler, Hudson Lodge, No. 294.

Your Committee concurs in the action of the Lodge and finds against the appeal in the following case, No. 980 and No. 1009, Elmer Long, Fulton Lodge, No. 216, appellant, R. A. Burnett.

Your Committee concurs in the action of the Lodge and recommends the expulsion, Case No. 1016, M. T. Camp, Fergus Lodge, No. 135.

Your Committee concurs in the request of Byron Lodge, No. 450, through its Master, for a change of venue in case of G. P. Cline versus A. C. Walton, and recommend that the Worshipful Grand Master designate the Lodge before which it shall be tried, and all the papers in said case be returned to Byron Lodge.

Your Committee, at its session in 1908, recommended that case of J. F. Bobo, from Cedar Creek Lodge, No. 275, be returned, and that his petition for restoration be refused, unless he received the recommendation of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he then resided. That recommendation is now before us, and your Committee recommends that he be restored.

In the case of E. P. Morton, Marble Hill Lodge, No. 207, appealed from the action of the Lodge, your Committee recommends that the appeal be sustained and the action of the Lodge be rescinded. Your Committee further recommends that Marble Hill Lodge be directed to grant to Brother E. P. Morton a dimit upon his application, provided he is clear of the book.

Your Committee recommends that J. L. Bannister, Coolidge Lodge,

No. 504, be restored to membership in said Lodge, application having been made under seal of the Lodge for same, which is concurred in by your Committee.

In compliance with resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, October 26, 1909, your Committee has taken up and considered the case of C. D. Gammage, Sale City Lodge, No. 472, and your Committee, after an investigation and hearing the evidence, conclude that peace and harmony does not exist in said Lodge, the evidence showing that there are dissensions and factions and that it will be a waste of time to reopen the case and send back to Sale City Lodge. Your Committee believes that the interests of Masonry demand that some sort of action be taken looking to disciplining some of the members, or else the forfeiture of the charter of the Lodge. Your Committee, therefore, recommend:

First. That the appeal of the Lodge in the case of C. D. Gammage be sustained, that a new trial be ordered, but that a change of venue should be had in said case and the new trial ordered be had before some other Lodge.

Second. That the Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a committee of five, any three of whom shall act, to investigate the condition of Sale City Lodge, and that said committee shall determine, after investigation, whether or not the existing facts demand the disciplining of any of the members or the forfeiture of the charter, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be empowered to take final action upon the report and recommendation of said Committee.

Faternally submitted,

F. H. SAFFOLD, *Chairman*,
J. E. McCLELLAND,
R. E. EDWARDS,
W. J. MILLICAN,
N. K. BITTING,
B. B. GRAY,
W. L. JENKINS,
G. T. GURR,
W. W. WEBB,
JESSE C. BENNETT,
W. W. HARDAWAY,
J. M. BARTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Brother James W. Taylor, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We have had referred to us the acts of the Grand Master relative to

change of venue, which we endorse as complying with the usages of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Also his ruling relative to near-beer traffic, classed as specified in Article 100, page 19, of the Revised Code, declaring its traffic unmasonic, which we heartily endorse.

The Committee has had referred to it the following paper:

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge reports that a brother, claiming to be a Past Master of his Lodge, has had his name enrolled as such and received a Grand Lodge badge.

That said brother was tried and convicted of unmasonic conduct in March 1908, and his punishment, as fixed by the Lodge, was exclusion with recommendation to the Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Proceedings of 1908 affirmatively shows that no action was taken in the matter, and the Grand Secretary reports that no report has ever been made from said Subordinate Lodge, nor has the record in said case ever reached his office.

What is the status of the alleged offender, and what action, if any, shall be taken in this case?

Your Committee is of the opinion that the brother is not expelled from Masonry, and his relation to his Lodge is exclusion, and he stands as an excluded Mason, and we think the Lodge is very derelict in not forwarding its recommendation to the Grand Secretary, as the law requires.

JAMES W. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TEMPLE TRUSTEES.

Brother John R. Dickey, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of Georgia:

BRETHREN—Your Board of Temple Trustees, created at the last meeting of this Grand Body, and appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in compliance with a resolution passed authorizing the same, begs leave to report its actions in full from the day of its appointment to the present time.

As Chairman of the Board, I called its first meeting to be held in the City of Macon on the 10th day of February, 1909. The object of course was to seek information regarding the values of real estate in the City, and looking to the sale of the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street, and if successful in making sale of it, to buy a suitable lot on which to erect a new Grand Lodge building as provided for in the recommendation and resolution. Your Board consulted with such brethren in the City as in its judgment were competent to inform it upon the value of the old Grand Lodge property, as well as on a suitable location for the erection of a new Temple in case of a sale of the old.

After looking over the Grand Lodge property very carefully, and inspecting a lot owned by Brother T. J. Carling, at the corner of New and Mulberry streets, in the City of Macon, your Board met at the Hotel Lanier at 1 o'clock P. M.

There were present at this meeting every member of the Board, viz: Brethren Jno. R. Dickey, of Atlanta, Chairman; E. A. Heard, of Rome, R. H. Taylor, of Griffin, I. A. Bush, of Pelham, and Oscar E. Dooley, of Macon.

The meeting was called to order and Brother Oscar E. Dooley chosen to act as its Secretary.

After a full and free discussion of the proposition, and mature deliberation as to the best thing to be done, the following resolution was offered and unanimously carried:

Be it resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary of this Board be authorized to take up with Brother T. J. Carling the proposition of exchanging the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street for his lot on the corner of Mulberry and New streets, all in the City of Macon, by Brother Carling paying a difference of \$20,000 in cash, reserving the privilege of using the quarters now used by said Grand Body in their property on Mulberry street for such time as they may deem it to be necessary, and that they be further authorized to close the above trade as outlined and on the terms named.

A second resolution was also passed, instructing the Chairman and Secretary what to do, and how to proceed in case the trade with Brother T. J. Carling was not consummated, viz:

"Be it resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary be directed, in the event that they are not able to close the trade above referred to with Brother Carling, to advertise for sealed bids for the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street, reserving the right to reject any and all bids, naming a minimum price of \$35,000; that terms could be arranged to suit.

"Said advertisement to appear once each week, for four weeks, in The Macon Telegraph, The Atlanta Constitution, and The Savannah Morning News; and that all bids must be in the Secretary's hands on or before March 15, 1909."

The advertisement is as follows:

FOR SALE, GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., through a committee appointed for that purpose, offers for sale the Masonic Temple property on Mulberry street, in the City of Macon.

This property consists of a three-story brick building on a lot fronting 76 feet on Mulberry street, opposite to Hotel Lanier, running back 210 feet to a paved alley. It also has an alley alongside the building.

Sealed bids or offers on this property will be received by the Secretary of Committee, Oscar E. Dooley, Cashier American National Bank, Macon, Ga., up to and including March the 20th. The bids to be opened April 1, 1909.

No offer of less than \$35'000 will be considered and the committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids or offers.

Terms can be arranged to suit on deferred payments.

JOHN R. DICKEY, *Chairman.*

Upon motion, duly seconded, the following resolution was also unanimously carried:

"Be it resolved, That Brother M. A. Weir, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Property, be instructed to, on and after March 1, 1909, (unless otherwise directed) rent the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street, until November 1, 1909, on the best possible terms."

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

There being no answers to our advertisements, and after consultation with the Chairman, Brother Dooly, did, on April 7, 1909, give an option to Brother John S. Schofield, of this city, for ten days at \$35,000, on the Grand Lodge property.

On April 14, Brother Dooly, Secretary, and Brother Schofield, together with Mr. C. Y. Johnston, who was interested in the purchase with Brother Schofield, went to Atlanta, and with your Chairman discussed the option, and the terms on which they wished to buy the property.

The next meeting of your Board of Temple Trustees was held in the Directors' room of the American National Bank in the City of Macon, on the 28th day of April, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M.

There were present at this meeting all the members, except Brother I. A. Bush.

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the former meeting read and approved.

At this meeting the Chairman and Secretary reported their efforts to close trade with Brother Carling had failed. That they had advertised as instructed to do, and received no answers to the advertisements, or bids on the property.

They also reported that an option had been given to Messrs. Schofield and Johnston and was before the Board for consideration.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously carried:

"That the following offer from Messrs. Schofield and Johnston be accepted: \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) for the Grand Lodge property, located on Mulberry street in the City of Macon, Georgia; \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be paid in cash, and deferred payments in one, two and three years bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, from date, with the understanding that in the event the Grand Lodge of Georgia should decide to use the notes, or any part of them, prior to their maturity, and it became necessary to pay a higher rate of discount than five per cent. per annum, that Messrs. Schofield and Johnston be obligated to pay the difference."

Your Board then recommended that the Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge be requested to execute a deed in accordance with the recommendation on page 99, and the resolution on page 103 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1908, and that a mortgage deed with power of sale be taken from the purchasers to secure the deferred payments.

Brother Dooly, at this meeting, was made both Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, and required to execute the bond mentioned on page 99 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1908; the amount of the bond to be fixed by the Grand Master. Prior to this meeting the Board had examined a number of pieces of property offered for sale as a site for the new Temple.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was resolved that we purchase a lot, and that the Chairman and Secretary be instructed to give Brother T. J. Carling fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for his lot on the corner of Mulberry and New streets, and to arrange such terms as they deemed advisable. Upon motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

The above meeting was the last one held by your Board of Trustees, and both deals were consummated through Brother Dooly, its Secretary and Treasurer, and under the legal advice and direction of Brother A. W. Lane, attorney-at-law, who gave this service free, and for which your Board considers the thanks of this Grand Body are due him.

Your Board will not go further into detail with this report, but will submit with it a report from its Secretary, which carries with it a correct and detailed minute of each meeting and every act committed by your Board or its Chairman and Secretary, and they request that this report of the Secretary be incorporated in the Proceedings as an addenda to this report.

In making the sale of the old Temple property and buying the site for a new Temple, your Board was actuated entirely by a desire to do what was for the best interest of this Grand Lodge. We did not act hastily, or without thorough investigation, and were supported in our actions by the advice of well informed brethren.

We feel that we have discharged the duty laid upon us honestly, conscientiously, and to the very best of our ability.

Having done this, we submit this report, confidently believing this Grand Body will endorse our action.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. DICKEY, *Chairman*,
E. A. HEARD,
I. A. BUSH,
R. H. TAYLOR,
OSCAR E. DOOLY,

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF TEMPLE TRUSTEES.

Meeting of Temple Trustees of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., State of Georgia, held at the Hotel Lanier, Macon, February 10, 1909, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Those present being Brothers John R. Dickey, of Atlanta, Chairman; E. A. Heard, Rome; R. H. Taylor, Griffin; I. A. Bush, Pelham; and Oscar E. Dooly, Macon.

Meeting called to order and Oscar E. Dooly appointed Secretary.

After looking over the property of the Grand Lodge, and inspecting the piece of property owned by Brother T. J. Carling, on the corner of Mulberry and New streets in the City of Macon, the following resolution was introduced and unanimously carried:

Be it Resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to take up with Brother T. J. Carling the proposition of exchanging the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street for the lot of Brother T. J. Carling on the corner of New and Mulberry streets, Macon, and \$20,000 in cash, reserving the privilege of using the Grand Lodge quarters now used by said Body in their property on Mulberry street, for such time as they may deem necessary, and that they be further authorized to close the above outlined trade on said terms.

Upon motion, the following resolution was introduced and unanimously carried:

Be it Resolved, That the Chairman and the Secretary be directed, in the event that they are unable to close the trade above referred to with Brother Carling, to advertise for sealed bids for the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street, reserving the right to reject any and all bids, stating that the minimum price would be \$35,000; that terms could be arranged to suit. Said advertisement to appear once a week for four weeks, in The Macon Telegraph, The Atlanta Constitution, The Savannah Morning News; and that all bids must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before March 15, 1909.

Upon motion, the following resolution was introduced and unanimously carried:

Be it Resolved, That M. A. Weir, Chairman of the Grand Lodge property, be instructed to, on and after March 1, 1909, unless otherwise directed, rent the property of the Grand Lodge on Mulberry street, until November 1, 1909, on the best terms possible.

Upon motion, meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

OSCAR E. DOOLY, *Secretary*.

Minutes of meeting of the Temple Trustees of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., State of Georgia, held in the Directors' room of the American National Bank of Macon, April 28, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present: Brothers John R. Dickey, Chairman, Atlanta; E. A. Heard, Rome; R. H. Taylor, Griffin; and Oscar E. Dooly Macon.

Meeting called to order.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary then reported that on February 12, 1909, he had a talk with Brother T. J. Carling, and submitted to him the proposition, as outlined in the resolution at the meeting of February 10, 1909, and that Brother Carling refused to accept the offer. The advertisement was then inserted in the papers in accordance with the second resolution of the meeting of February 10, 1909, and that he did not receive any bids.

After a conference with the Chairman, John R. Dickey, the following option was given:

GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY—

This Contract and Agreement, made and entered into this the seventh day of April, 1909, by and between Oscar E. Dooly, as Secretary of the Committee appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., as party of the first part; and John S. Schofield, as party of the second part:

WITNESSETH: That the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby give and grant unto the said party of the second part, the right, privilege and option to purchase a certain brick building fronting on Mulberry street, said State and County, and known as the Masonic Building, and extending from Mulberry street back to Wall Street Alley in the rear, at and for the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$35,000.00).

In the event the party of the second part avails himself of this option, the property will be accurately described in the final papers.

It is further understood that this option shall extend only for the period of ten days from the date hereof, and at the expiration of said time, said option shall cease and determine and be of no force nor effect.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, The day and year first above written.

On April 14, 1909, Chairman John R. Dickey, Brothers J. S. Schofield and Mr. Cicero Y. Johnston, together with the Secretary, met in Atlanta to discuss the terms of the sale, and, after this statement, the following resolution was offered:

Be it Resolved, That the following offer from Messrs. Schofield & Johnston be accepted: Thirty-five Thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the Grand Lodge property located on Mulberry street in the City of Macon, Georgia, mentioned in the option given under date of April 7, 1909, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid in cash, the deferred payments in one, two and three years, bearing interest at the rate of five (5%) per cent. per annum from date, with the understanding that in the event the Grand Lodge of Georgia should decide to use the notes prior to their maturity, and it becomes necessary to pay a higher rate of interest than five (5%) per cent. per annum to discount these notes, or any part of them, Messrs. Schofield & Johnston will be obligated to pay the difference.

It was then resolved that we recommend that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia execute a deed on behalf of the Grand Lodge to the property located on Mulberry street, in accordance with resolution introduced by J. C. Greenfield, as shown in the report of the Grand Lodge of 1908 on page 103, and that a mortgage deed, with power of sale, be taken from the purchasers of this property to secure deferred payments.

Upon motion, Oscar E. Dooly was elected Secretary and Treasurer and that he be required to execute the bond as mentioned in the Section of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1908 on page 99, appointing said Board of Temple Trustees; the amount of bond to be fixed by the Grand Master.

The Committee, prior to this meeting, having examined a number of pieces of property offered for sale for the site of the Grand Lodge, upon motion, it was resolved that we purchase a lot and that the Chairman and the Secretary be instructed to give Brother T. J. Carling fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for his lot on the corner of Mulberry and

New streets, and to arrange such terms with him as they deem advisable.
Upon motion, meeting adjourned.

OSCAR E. DOOLY,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The papers were prepared in the matter of the sale of the Grand Lodge property to Messrs. John S. Schofield and Cicero Y. Johnston. After some delay on their part, the papers were executed: \$10,000.00 being paid in cash and deferred payments of \$25,000.00 in one, two and three years, represented by—

One note for \$5,000, due one year after date,

One note for \$3,333.33, due one year after date,

One note for \$8,333.33, due two years after date,

One note for \$8,333.34, due three years after date,

said notes bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. (5%) per annum and secured by a mortgage deed with power of sale on the property sold. All of said papers being dated June 15, 1909. In accordance with the resolution, the trade was immediately made with Brother T. J. Carling for the lot on the corner of Mulberry and New streets, at the price of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) received from Messrs. Schofield and Johnston, and the first note signed by them for \$5,000 due one year after date, were given to Brother T. J. Carling in payment for his lot. Owing to the delay in the execution of the papers by Messrs. Schofield and Johnston, Brother Carling, representing himself and the Happ estate—they being joint owners of the property—demanded interest for thirty days of the forty-five days delay, which interest, amounting to \$75, was paid. In consideration of the payment by the Committee of this amount, Messrs. Schofield and Johnston agreed, in accordance with the following letter, to reimburse the Grand Lodge this amount:

MACON, GA., July 9, 1909.

*Mr. Oscar E. Dooly, Secretary and Treasurer,
Temple Trustees, Macon, Ga.:*

Dear Sir—In consideration of the delay occasioned in the signing of the papers in the purchase of the Grand Lodge property by us, and because of the Grand Lodge having to pay \$75 interest, we agree to give them the use of the offices of the Grand Secretary until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge in October, 1909, free of charge, Janitor to be paid for by the Grand Lodge.

SCHOFIELD & JOHNSTON,
By JOHN S. SCHOFIELD.

The custodian of the property of the Grand Lodge took possession of the property purchased, under date of May 1. The insurance policies, which covered the building at the time of the sale, were sold for \$75.53, this being the Grand Lodge's pro-rata share of the unexpired premium. Of this amount, \$75.53, \$75.00 was paid to Brother Carling and the Happ estate, as mentioned above. The 53 cents, together with \$2.07, received from the Grand Treasurer, paid for the cost of recording the papers. Brother Andrew W. Lane, of the firm of Lane & Park, attorneys, gave

his services as attorney in these matters without compensation. Below is his opinion as to the title of the property purchased from Brother T. J. Carling and the Happ estate:

MACON, GA., July 9, 1909.

Mr. Oscar Dooly, Chairman, Macon, Ga.:

I beg to advise that at your request, I have examined the records affecting the title to the property recently purchased by the Grand Lodge from Mr. T. J. Carling, and the estate of the late Morris Happ, which said property is situated at the corner of Mulberry and New streets in the City of Macon, and fully described in deed of conveyance which you have. I examined the records in accordance with your directions, from the date of the sale of this property to Mr. Carling and Mr. Happ. I found no liens or encumbrances of any kind on this property since said parties have owned same.

It will be recalled that you were furnished with an abstract of title up to the date of the purchase of the property by Messrs. Carling and Happ. This abstract was made by Messrs. Dessau, Harris & Harris, and was doubtless carefully and skillfully prepared. Assuming that the title was complete in Messrs. Carling and Happ, I beg to advise that in my opinion, the deed from Mr. Carling and from the executors of Morris Happ conveys a fee simple title to the property therein described. By the terms of the will of the late Morris Happ, his executors were authorized to make sale of his property at public or private sale without any order of court, and the deed from his executors conveys the interest of his estate in said property.

Yours very truly,

A. W. LANE.

The insurance policy on the building on this lot is in the hands of your custodian, Brother M. A. Weir.

We beg to hand you herewith the warranty deed from T. J. Carling and Mrs. Theresa Happ, and Lee M. Happ, executors of the last will and testament of Morris Happ, to the Grand Lodge. The abstract of title of Messrs. Dessau, Harris & Harris, referred to in the letter of Brother Lane, the abstract title prepared by Mr. T. B. West, together with sundry old deeds to the said piece of property.

We also beg to hand you herewith the following papers:

One note for \$3,333.33, due one year after date.

One note for \$8,333.33, due two years after date.

One note for \$8,333.34, due three years after date.

One mortgage deed with power of sale to secure these notes on the property formerly known as the Grand Lodge property on Mulberry street; all of said papers signed by Messrs. John S. Schofield and Cicero Y. Johnston.

An agreement entered into between John S. Schofield and Cicero Y. Johnston with the Grand Lodge in accordance with the resolution in the minutes of the Temple Trustees in regard to the payment of a higher rate of interest than that stipulated in the notes.

A receipt from T. J. Carling and the Happ estate for the \$75.00 paid them.

The following fire insurance policies, with the proper mortgage and lost clause attached for the protection of the Grand Lodge, in the event

of damage by fire of the property covered by the mortgage deed executed by Messrs. Schofield and Johnston to secure the balance due from this sale of the Grand Lodge property:

| <i>Company</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Expiration</i> |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Southern Mutual Insurance Co. of Athens..... | \$5,000 00 | Jan. 31, 1910 |
| Ætna Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn..... | 2,500 00 | June 29, 1910 |
| Royal Insurance Co. of Liverpool..... | 2,500 00 | June 30, 1910 |
| Fire Association of Philadelphia..... | 5,000 00 | Nov. 21, 1909 |
| Germania Fire Insurance Co. of New York.... | 2,500 00 | Nov. 21, 1909 |
| Royal Insurance Co. of Liverpool..... | 2,500 00 | Dec. 1, 1909 |
| Maryland Casualty Co., (plate glass) | | Aug. 14, 1909 |

Fraternally submitted,

OSCAR E. DOOLY,
Secretary and Treasurer.

PROPERTY OF ST. MARY'S LODGE, NO. 126.

Right Worshipful Robert L. Colding, offered the following, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

WHEREAS, At the time St. Mary's Lodge, No. 126, surrendered its charter to this Grand Body, it was possessed of a piece of real estate conveyed to them by A. Baratte and M. H. Baratte under deed dated January 26, 1872, and recorded in the Clerk's office of Camden Superior Court, Record Book Q, Folio 492, on January 15, 1873, and

WHEREAS, Upon the surrender of said charter, the only organization having any jurisdiction of Masonry at St. Mary's was this Grand Body, and

WHEREAS, This Grand Body has authorized a Lodge of Masons to meet and confer degrees at St. Mary's, now known as Camden Lodge, No. 476;

Resolved, That this Grand Body relinquishes to said Camden Lodge, No. 476, any and all right, title and interest it may have in and to said property;

Resolved, Further, that the Grand Master be and he is hereby directed to execute in behalf of this Grand Body a quit claim deed to said Camden Lodge of any right, title and interest this Grand Lodge may have in and to said property.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, Chairman, submitted his report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

BRETHREN—The Committee having in charge the finances of this Grand Lodge, herewith submit to you this report of its financial condition:

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| At the last communication there was on hand | \$37,104 92 |
| Received during the year from— | |
| Rents | 340 40 |
| Interest on daily balances | 531 63 |
| E. B. Rodgers, W. M. Spread Lodge, No. 529 | 5 20 |
| E. A. Harris Lodge, No. 521 | 4 75 |
| J. B. Clements | 4 00 |
| W. S. Wright Lodge, No. 299 | 4 00 |
| Interest on LaGrange Bonds | 80 00 |
| Donations to Masonic Home | 1,931 21 |
| Grand Secretary | 35,510 75 |

Making total to be accounted for of \$75,516 86

There has been paid out on proper warrant, as itemized
below \$35,413 53

Leaving a net balance on hand of \$40,103 33

In addition to this there is a balance in the hands of the
Secretary of the Home Trustees of \$ 121 82

Making the total amount available \$40,225 15

From this must be deducted the expenses of this Grand Communication and the running expenses for the ensuing year.

DISBURSEMENTS—1908-1909.

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| Pay roll—1908 | \$18,894 65 |
| Stenographer | 6 00 |
| Rent, Auditorium | 20 00 |
| Janitor at Auditorium | 14 10 |
| Sumach Lodge, No. 55 | 1 00 |
| S. T. Reid, Jasper Lodge, No. 50 | 50 00 |
| Whitesburg Lodge, No. 336 | 1 00 |
| Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 38 | 2 00 |
| Metta Lodge, No. 435 | 2 00 |
| Expenses Committee on Grand Lodge Property | 32 00 |
| Grand Lodge jewels, aprons and collars | 300 00 |
| Committee on Foreign Correspondence | 150 00 |
| Wilder & Paulin, work on building | 1,279 60 |
| Committee on Grand Lodge Property | 100 00 |
| Iron safe for Grand Treasurer's office | 56 00 |
| Special Committee, Arabi Lodge | 35 20 |
| Past Grand Master's jewel | 412 50 |

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| Aiken's Revised Manual..... | \$ 35 00 |
| Dues returned Milford Lodge, No. 181..... | 10 00 |
| Final settlement of the O'Shields vs. Baggett & Co. case..... | 527 30 |
| Recovering Past Grand Master J. I. Wright's jewel..... | 60 00 |
| Advertising Grand Lodge property | 39 55 |
| 2,000 copies Constitution | 321 95 |
| A. S. Harris' expenses to District Convention | 6 82 |
| Premium on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's bonds..... | 15 00 |
| Printing Proceedings, express and postage | 907 41 |
| Macon City tax, 1909..... | 156 25 |
| Insurance on building | 201 50 |
| Insurance on Home | 660 00 |
| Expenses Committee on Memorials..... | 8 96 |
| Expense account Grand Master..... | 900 00 |
| Grand Treasurer's salary | 900 00 |
| Grand Treasurer's office expense | 22 85 |
| Grand Secretary's salary | 1,500 00 |
| Grand Secretary's office expense..... | 215 24 |
| Grand Secretary's office supplies | 298 25 |
| Grand Secretary's Janitor's salary | 110 00 |
| Janitor's salary for building | 45 00 |
| Exchange account..... | 57 07 |
| Improvement and repairs on building..... | 17 85 |
| Masonic Home | 6,108 09 |
| Water and light account | 55 19 |
| Plumbing | 22 60 |
| Stenographer and typewriter exchange | 5 50 |
| Southern Bell Telephone Company..... | 59 00 |
| District Deputies..... | 424 83 |
| Home Trustees | 119 80 |
| Temple Trustees | 126 47 |
| Badges | 100 00 |
| Past Master's jewels | 20 00 |
| Total..... | \$35,413 53 |

We recommend that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be set aside for the expenses of the Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

We recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be paid the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge property.

We recommend that twenty-five dollars be allowed the Grand Secretary, and ten dollars be allowed the Grand Treasurer, for necessary assistance during this Grand Communication, and that twelve dollars be paid the stenographer for services rendered this Grand Lodge.

The sale of the old Temple having been effected, it becomes necessary to secure new offices for the Grand Secretary. The building on the new lot is not suitable for offices.

We therefore recommend that an office be secured on the ground floor of the Pythian Castle at a rental of \$35.00 per month, and that \$200.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the expense incident on removal.

The chairs and other furniture in the old Grand Lodge room no longer being necessary, we recommend that the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Property, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, be empowered to dispose of such unnecessary material to the best advantage.

We also recommend that all pictures and books, together with all the extra copies of the old Proceedings and everything else that is desirable to keep, be carefully packed and stored in some storage warehouse until some other disposition can be made of them.

It being true that the amount received from the insurance companies on account of the fire in the Temple, included two hundred dollars for Brother Huhn, our former tenant, we recommend that this amount be paid him.

We call attention to the fact that under the present system it is impossible to properly check the books of the Grand Secretary. So far as it can be done, we find them perfectly kept, but the system is at fault. By system, we refer to that portion of our law requiring all returns to be in the Grand Secretary's office, and all dues paid him, by October 1st. Theoretically this is all right, but in practice it is all wrong. Fully fifty per cent. of the returns are incorrect, and the dues of a great many are paid during the annual Grand Communication. We therefore recommend that the Finance Committee meet each year during the month of April, preferably during the meeting of the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of auditing the receipts due for the previous Masonic year.

In examining the ledger of the Grand Secretary, we find a number of Lodges have overpaid, and although the credit due them has repeatedly been called to their attention, it has never been deducted from their remittances. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Treasurer with a list of such Lodges and the amounts due them, and that on receipt of this list the Grand Treasurer remit the amounts in question to the Lodges to whom these amounts belong.

It is with deep regret we note the falling off in donations to the Masonic Home. The shrinkage last year was \$1,097.18. The total amount received from the Lodges was only \$531.21. We suggest that the Grand Master make an especial effort during the coming year to change this state of affairs.

We recommend that fifty dollars be sent Robert Patton Chapter, U. D. C., to assist them in their work on Johnson Island.

We recommend that six hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be forwarded each month to the Secretary of the Masonic Home for the maintenance of that institution.

We again congratulate the Grand Lodge on the state of its treasury, and we pay especial commendation to the Grand Master for the economi-

cal conduct of his office; to the Grand Treasurer for the manner in which his burdensome duties are performed, and to the Grand Secretary for the clear, concise and business-like manner in which his accounts are kept.

We recommend that new bids be received from the several banks for the deposits of the Grand Lodge, and that the account be placed in the bank offering the most advantageous terms, and furnish a bond against loss, and that the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer select the depository.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE HOME FUND.

| 1909. | DEBIT. | |
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| Nov. 1, | Amount on hand per last report | \$ 26 79 |
| Nov. 1, | Douglasville Lodge, No. 289 | 25 00 |
| Nov. 1, | L. P. Hyman | 12 00 |
| Nov. 1, | Interest to date | 02 |
| Nov. 20, | O. L. Holmes, W. M. Alcova Lodge, No. 318 | 10 70 |
| Dec. 12, | Yaarab Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. | 250 00 |
| Dec. 18, | Washington Lodge, No. 359 | 10 00 |
| Dec. 18, | Warren Lodge, No. — | 4 50 |
| Dec. 18, | Waycross Lodge, No. 305 | 6 55 |
| Dec. 18, | Primrose Lodge, No. 79 | 3 85 |
| Dec. 18, | Vienna Lodge, No. 324 | 25 00 |
| Dec. 18, | Pelham Lodge, No. 312 | 10 00 |
| Dec. 22, | East Point Lodge, No. 288 | 25 00 |
| Dec. 22, | Cecil Lodge, No. 516 | 85 |
| Dec. 24, | Nelms Lodge, No. 323 | 3 00 |
| Dec. 25, | Gate City Lodge, No. 2 | 28 00 |
| Dec. 25, | Plainsville Lodge, No. 364 | 10 00 |
| Dec. 25, | Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41 | 50 |
| Dec. 25, | Georgia Lodge, No. 96 | 11 67 |
| Dec. 25, | Pinehurst Lodge, No. 473 | 2 25 |
| Dec. 25, | Southwestern Lodge, No. 143 | 6 50 |
| Dec. 25, | New River Lodge, No. 94 | 2 10 |
| Dec. 25, | Palestine Lodge, No. 486 | 18 53 |
| Dec. 25, | Palmetto Lodge, No. 74 | 2 35 |
| Dec. 25, | Montrose Lodge, No. 499 | 2 65 |
| Dec. 25, | Morris Lodge, No. 527 | 1 80 |
| Dec. 25, | Babcock Lodge, No. 488 | 4 50 |
| Dec. 25, | Leary Lodge, No. 42 | 1 00 |
| Dec. 25, | Ocilla Lodge, No. 374 | 6 50 |
| Dec. 25, | Laurens Lodge, No. 75 | 50 |
| Dec. 29, | Atlanta Lodge, No. 59 | 13 17 |
| Dec. 29, | Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15 | 25 00 |
| 1909. | | |
| Jan. 2, | Auburn Lodge, No. 230 | 2 67 |
| Jan. 2, | John H. Felt Lodge, No. 29 | 3 60 |
| Jan. 2, | Eastman Lodge, No. 279 | 10 00 |

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| Jan. | 2, | Rossville Lodge, No. 397 | \$ 2 00 |
| Jan. | 2, | Martin Lodge, No. 517 | 2 50 |
| Jan. | 5, | Canton Lodge, No. 77 | 2 35 |
| Jan. | 5, | College Park Lodge, No. 454 | 4 00 |
| Jan. | 5, | Irwinton Lodge, No. 150 | 70 |
| Jan. | 5, | Flint Hill Lodge, No. 371 | 1 10 |
| Jan. | 5, | Funston Lodge, No. 452 | 1 40 |
| Jan. | 5, | Horeb Lodge, No. 281 | 5 50 |
| Jan. | 5, | Ringgold Lodge, No. 90 | 2 00 |
| Jan. | 5, | Dorminy's Mill Lodge, No. 286 | 25 |
| Jan. | 9, | Fulton Lodge, No. 216 | 6 25 |
| Jan. | 12, | Davitte Lodge, No. 513 | 2 00 |
| Jan. | 12, | Washington Lodge, No. 19 | 7 07 |
| Jan. | 12, | Rogers Lodge, No. 538 | 1 39 |
| Jan. | 12, | Sale City Lodge, No. 472 | 1 30 |
| Jan. | 12, | Warwick Lodge, 395 | 31 40 |
| Jan. | 12, | Griffith Lodge, No. 145 | 3 00 |
| Jan. | 12, | Hamilton Lodge, No. 58 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 16, | Adairsville Lodge, No. 168 | 10 00 |
| Jan. | 29, | Winston, Lodge, No. 522 | 1 00 |
| Feb. | 8, | Lookout Lodge, No. 98 | 5 00 |
| Feb. | 13, | Americus Lodge, No. 13 | 14 40 |
| Feb. | 13, | Springfield Lodge, No. 280 | 7 45 |
| Feb. | 13, | Edison Lodge, No. 500 | 5 00 |
| Feb. | 13, | Baconton Lodge, No. 451 | 3 00 |
| Feb. | 22, | Webb Lodge, No. 166 | 4 40 |
| Feb. | 27, | Helena Lodge, No. 536 | 2 20 |
| March | 4, | Bartlett Lodge, No. 139 | 8 00 |
| March | 11, | Brooksville Lodge, No. 192 | 7 50 |
| April | 29, | Cour-de-Leon Commandry, K. T., No. 4 | 50 00 |
| May | 11, | Seventh District Masonic Convention | 17 50 |
| May | 17, | Grand Commandry K. T. of Ga. | 100 00 |
| May | 19, | Grand Council R. & S. M. of Ga. | 50 00 |
| July | 12, | Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Ga. | 1,000 00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,931 21 |

CREDIT.

By amount transferred to Grand Lodge fund\$1,931 21

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, Chairman,
J. A. LITTLEJOHN,
JOHN R. STEPHENS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Brother George D. Rucker, Chairman, submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :

We, your Committee on By-Laws, beg to make the following report :

We have examined the By-Laws of the following Lodges :

Nunez Lodge, No. —, examined and approved as corrected by the Committee. It was found necessary to rewrite these By-Laws in order to correct the verbiage.

Mercer Lodge, No. 531, examined and approved with a slight alteration Section 1, Chapter 5, and Section 4, Chapter 7.

Summit Lodge, No. 458, examined and approved with a few minor corrections indicated on copy.

Helena Lodge, No. 536, examined and approved with a few minor corrections indicated on copy.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 180, examined and approved with minor corrections as indicated on margin of the copy submitted.

Henry C. Burr Lodge, No. 431, examined and approved.

Gainesville Lodge, No. 219, examined and approved with one minor correction indicated in the copy submitted.

Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 304, examined and approved as amended. We recommend that that part of Section 7 which has been marked out be stricken from these By-Laws.

Ducktown Lodge, No. —, examined and approved with a slight correction in Section 2, Chapter 8.

Washington Lodge, No. 19, approved as read to the Committee.

We recommend that hereafter all Lodges desiring a form of By-Laws shall apply to the Grand Secretary for correct form of same.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. D. RUCKER, Chairman,
A. S. HARVEY, Secretary,
CHAS. M. TYSON,
A. H. CHASTAIN,
J. T. LONGINO.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Brother P. T. McCutchen, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :

We, your Committee on Returns, beg leave to submit the following report :

Two hundred and forty-nine Lodges made returns and paid dues by October 1st, as required by law—two more than did so last year.

At the beginning of this Communication, one hundred and twenty returns were submitted to your Committee unchecked by the Grand Secretary's office. Of these, so far as we have been able to handle, we find forty-three correct. We have handled one hundred and fifty-one incorrect returns submitted to us by the Grand Secretary showing inaccuracies of all descriptions. We posted calls for eighty-two Masters. Some twenty or thirty of these responded to this call, and with and without the aid of Masters we have been able to correct thirty-four returns, with partial corrections in a large number of others. The balance we send back to the Grand Secretary with recommendation that he take up the same with the several Lodges.

We believe most of the inaccuracies in returns arise from the fact that many Lodges do not keep an alphabetical roll book, and too often send the Grand Secretary for past year's returns which they do not send back to his office, and in some instances he is not able to get them even after considerable correspondence. We recommend that all Lodges keep these roll books, and that no representative of any Lodge attending the Grand Communication be allowed his mileage and per diem until his Lodge shall have fully complied with the law.

A very large number of returns sent back for correction by the Grand Secretary have not been returned to his office at the opening of this Grand Communication and have not therefore been in the hands of this Committee. Several of the Masters of these delinquent Lodges, however, have promised to see to it that their Lodges make at once proper returns.

The correction of No. 221, referred last year to Brother J. P. Bowdoin, has been fully adjusted.

In the matter of No. 244, submitted to Brother F. H. Saffold, no report has yet been made, but we are advised that same is in process of correction, and will be promptly adjusted, the delay in doing so being unavoidable.

We find the returns of No. 166 very irregular. They are not signed by Secretary nor sealed; suspended and dead reported this year not on last year's roll. We recommend that the Master of this Lodge be allowed to take this return back for correction, as he assures your Committee that he can and will do so promptly.

We find a number of returns with very slight irregularities—portions made in pencil, some not sealed and some not signed by proper officials. Most of the needed signatures, however, have been added at this Grand Communication.

Your Committee still insists that there should be some safe place of deposit for the Grand Lodge records. And we specially recommend and beg that the Lodges exercise more care in making their returns, seeing to it that they are correctly made and neatly written, as these returns are permanent records and important and valuable history of Georgia Masonry; further, in doing this a great deal of unnecessary work is

saved for the Grand Secretary's office and annoyance to the Masters and Past Masters attending these Grand Communications.

Our thanks are due to the Grand Secretary, his lovable mother and assistants for many courtesies.

Faternally submitted,

P. T. McCUTCHEN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

Brother M. A. Weir, Chairman submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

BRETHEREN—Your Committee on Grand Lodge Property beg to submit their annual report as follows:

On account of the uncertainty concerning the sale of the Temple it was impossible to secure permanent tenants for the stores. Therefore the only income to be derived from the property, except Dr. Barron's office, was from renting to temporary tenants, for which account is rendered in the following report:

MONEYS RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES:

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| March 22, 1909—Rent of store for Lazarus' auction and Railroad Conductors' supper | \$ 51 00 |
| January 2, 1909—Office Rent from Dr. Barron for September and October, 1908..... | 25 00 |
| Same for November and December, 1908 | \$ 25 00 |
| Rent of shop in alley for November..... | 18 00 |
| Rent of stable | 3 00 |
| April 27, 1909—Rent for stores, (Jones & Waxelbaum) | 100 00 |
| May 22, 1909—Dr. Barron's office rent for January, February, March, April | 50 00 |
| September 14, 1909—3 months' rent for house on Mulberry Street | 51 30 |
| September 22, 1909—1 months' rent for house on Mulberry Street | 17 10 |
| Total | <u>\$340 40</u> |

EXPENSES.

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| November 1, 1908—Cleaning Masonic Temple for meeting | \$ 16 00 |
| Music for Grand Lodge Meeting | 5 00 |
| Cleaning Auditorium after meeting | 10 00 |
| Printing Committee Room Cards | 1 00 |
| Drayage and Hack Fare to Auditorium..... | 3 00 |

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| Janitor at Auditorium..... | \$ 2 00 |
| To Janitor for cleaning Grand Treasurer's room.... | 1 00 |
| Services of Janitor (Eli) for October..... | 5 00 |
| Cleaning Grand Lodge Room after session..... | 3 10 |
| Putting in frosted glass in Grand Secretary's Office | 75 |
| January 4, 1909—Removing old plumbing and closet fixtures in store after the fire (Subers Co.) | 15 25 |
| Janitor (Eli) November salary and cleaning out store cellars (by order of Board of Health)..... | 10 10 |
| Janitor for December..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ January, 1909 | 5 00 |
| “ “ February, 1909 | 5 00 |
| “ “ March, 1909 | 5 00 |
| March 7, 1909—Telephone messages to John R. Dickey, Chairman | 1 10 |
| Janitor for April..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ July and August..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ September | 5 00 |
| “ “ October | 5 00 |
| Total | \$118 30 |
| Balance..... | \$222 10 |

Faternally submitted,

M. A. WEIR, *Chairman*,
W. S. SMITH,
J. G. LESTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

Brother Wm. B. Kent submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia:

We, your Committee on Relief, beg to submit the following as our report to the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Annual Communication:

We have been careful, considerate and diligent and have found the Craft and the Grand Lodge in a very prosperous and healthy condition.

This Committee recommended last year that Millikin's Creek Lodge No. 302 be required to furnish this session with a complete record of the trial, findings and all actions of said Lodge in the matter of B. L. Powell, a former member of said Lodge, provided that said Lodge did not recommend the restoration of said Powell before this Grand Communication. Neither of which has been done, it appearing that Brother B. L. Powell was not legally served with notice of trial and a copy of the charges, and that the law has not been followed in this case. With these

facts before us and for good cause shown to this Committee we unanimously recommend that Brother B. L. Powell be restored by this Grand Lodge to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and that the Grand Secretary issue a certificate of membership to Brother B. L. Powell and that he be allowed to use same as a dimit and permitted to affiliate with any Lodge, if found worthy.

We recommend that the sum of \$3.00 be refunded to Rockmart Lodge No. 97, the same being three years Grand Lodge per capita paid by said Lodge on Brother J. H. Davis, when said Davis was a member during this period of County Line Lodge No. 490, and County Line Lodge having also paid per capita on Brother Davis.

We recommend that the sum of \$2.00 be refunded to Rockmart Lodge No. 97, the same being two years Grand Lodge per capita paid by said Lodge on Brother H. D. Foster, when said Foster was a member during this period of J. S. Davitte Lodge No. 513, and Davitte Lodge having also paid per capita on Brother Foster.

We recommend that the sum of \$1.00 be refunded to Holmesville Lodge No. 195 for the reason that it appears that said Lodge paid \$1.00 per capita for Brother E. E. Mims, when said Brother Mims should have been marked (E. M.)

We recommend that the annual dues of Mount Olive Lodge No. 122 be refunded, the same amounting to the sum of \$52.00, for that it has been made to appear to the satisfaction of this Committee that this amount will enable Mount Olive to prevent a mortgage foreclosure on its Lodge Room, the membership having paid all they possibly could as individuals, and for other reasons shown we deem the request meritorious and we approve the same and recommend that the \$52.00 be refunded, the same being for the good of the Order.

We recommend that the amount of \$2.00 be refunded to Douglasville Lodge No. 289, the same being two years Grand Lodge per capita paid by said Lodge on Brother W. H. Cahoon, when said Cahoon was a member during this period of Winston Lodge No. 522, and Winston Lodge having also paid per capita on Brother Cahoon.

We recommend that the sum of \$1.00 be refunded to Douglasville Lodge No. 289, the same being Grand Lodge per capita paid by said Lodge on Brother William Rakestraw, when said Brother Rakestraw was then exempt from dues by reason of being over age and 20 consecutive years a Mason.

It appearing to this Committee that Lucile Lodge No. 532 took jurisdiction over, and conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon C. E. Newberry, believing that said Lodge had jurisdiction; and it further appearing that Ivena Lodge No. 258 had original and exclusive jurisdiction over the said Newberry, we recommend that said Lucile Lodge retain the fee collected for the Entered Apprentice Degree and that Ivena Lodge take jurisdiction of said Brother Newberry and confer the other two Degrees under the usual Masonic restrictions—this recommendation being agreeable to both Lodges.

In the matter of the complaint of Brother R. V. Hardeman, Attorney for M. C. Lilley & Company against Twiggs Lodge No. 164, in that the said Lodge has brought reproach upon this Grand Lodge because it fails and refuses to pay an alleged indebtedness due the M. C. Lilley & Company, we find that the said Lodge has not done anything which will reflect upon this Grand Lodge and the Craft, and has done nothing unmasonic in the premises and we hereby exonerate said Lodge from the imputations cast upon it.

We recommend that the petition of Brother B. F. Pryne and his Brethren be referred to the next Relief Committee as our Committee failed to get the information desired.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. KENT, *Chairman*,
D. W. BARNETT,
S. E. MARSTON,
I. R. BRIDGES,
J. W. SYMONS,
T. C. SYMONS,
W. H. DEAN,
J. A. MEADOWS,
P. E. WHITLEY,
SIMON N. GAZAN,
G. S. HASLAM,
T. A. LEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE.

Brother C. M. Candler for the Committee submitted the following report, which on motion, was voted on seriatim:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :

Your Committee on General Welfare has had under consideration the following resolutions referred to it by you and begs to report thereon as follows :

1. A resolution by Brother Ben J. Edwards amending Article 104 of the By-Laws, so as to reduce the per diem of Grand Lodge Representatives from four to three dollars, and mileage from five to two and one half cents per mile, and report the same with the recommendation that it do pass.

Section lost.

2. Resolutions by C. M. Candler, Worshipful Master Pythagoras Lodge No. 41, and V. B. Moore, Worshipful Master Bolton Lodge No. 416, relative to jurisdictional limits between subordinate Lodges, and report the same with the recommendation that they be consolidated, and do pass by substitute as herewith submitted :

Resolved, That the edict of the Grand Lodge embraced in Section 140, on page 58 of the Revised Code 1909 of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby revoked.

Adopted Section.

3. A resolution by Brother C. B. Phillips relative to suspension and dismissal from office of a secretary of a subordinate Lodge for neglect or failure to discharge the duties of his office, and report the same with the recommendation that it do not pass; your Committee being of the opinion that wilful neglect or failure to discharge the duties of an accepted office by any subordinate Lodge official, under the obligations taken upon assuming the same, is a Masonic offence now covered by law for which charges can be preferred.

Section adopted.

Your Committee has also had under consideration certain portions of the annual address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and in connection therewith and on the lines of his recommendations, present for your consideration the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That dispensations for conferring degrees at times other than at regular communication of a subordinate Lodge, be granted only for urgent and imperative reasons and then only in the discretion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Section adopted.

2. *Resolved*, That no special dispensation shall be granted at any time for the conferring of more than one degree on a candidate at one and the same communication.

Section adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That whenever a District Deputy is satisfied that for any reason an official visitation is needed by a subordinate Lodge and such Lodge is financially or numerically weak and unable to pay all or its pro rata share of the expenses of such visitation, the said fact shall be reported to the Grand Master, who if he be satisfied of the facts in regard thereto, may in his discretion, order such official visitation, and draw his warrant for such actual expenses incurred by the District Deputies, upon the Grand Secretary, who shall honor the same. The Grand Master shall make official report to the next Grand Lodge thereafter of all such visitation ordered and the expense incurred on account thereof.

Section lost.

Your Committee has noted with great interest the vast amount of important work imposed upon the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the discharge of his official duties, and the faithful, able and zealous attention to all the details thereof by the retiring Grand Master, as shown in those portions of his able address referred to us.

As appertaining to the general welfare of the order, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution offered in the Committee by Brother Claude Mayne:

“Resolved, That we heartily endorse the words of our Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, in which he promises to visit the Lodges of the State during the ensuing year. We recommend that officers of the subordinate Lodges be required to exemplify the work in their Lodges in the presence of the Grand Officers on their visitations, the Grand Officers correcting such errors as they may note, believing that by this method the standard of work in the subordinate Lodges will be improved and the Craft thereby benefited.”

Section adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. HENRY, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE.

The following is the report of the Committee on General Welfare, as adopted :

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :

Your Committee on General Welfare has had under consideration the following resolutions referred to it by you and begs to report thereon as follows :

1. Resolutions by C. M. Candler, Worshipful Master Pythagoras Lodge, No. 41, and V. B. Moore, Worshipful Master Bolton Lodge, No. 416, relative to jurisdictional limits between Subordinate Lodges, and report the same with the recommendation that they be consolidated, and do pass by substitute as herewith submitted :

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Fraternally submitted,

E. J. HENRY, *Chairman*.

PLANS FOR NEW TEMPLE.

Brother T. J. Carling offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees be directed to submit working plans and specifications for the new Temple, and further submit a financial plan for paying for same.

PORTRAITS TO BE PRINTED.

Brother F. H. Saffold offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to have made and purchase steel engravings of Most Worshipful Grand Master Henry Banks, and our retiring Most Worshipful Grand Master Thos. H. Jeffries and the same be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand Master Henry Banks announced the following appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

A. D. ECHOLSGrand Chaplain

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| F. O. MILLER | Senior Grand Deacon |
| W. G. ENGLAND | Junior Grand Deacon |
| JOHN R. WILKINSON | Grand Marshal |
| ALFRED JESSOP | First Grand Steward |
| FRANK W. COFFIN | Second Grand Steward |
| JOHN B. CLARK | Third Grand Steward |
| LEE WAGES | Grand Tyler |

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffries proceeded to install the newly elected Grand Officers.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, acting as Grand Marshal, presented the following newly elected Grand and Appointed Officers at the Altar, where they were duly installed in their respective offices:

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| HENRY BANKS | Grand Master |
| GEORGE M. NAPIER | Deputy Grand Master |
| ROBERT L. COLDING | Senior Grand Warden |
| N. H. BALLARD | Junior Grand Warden |
| A. D. ECHOLS | Grand Chaplain |
| W. G. ENGLAND | Junior Grand Deacon |
| JOHN R. WILKINSON | Grand Marshal |
| JOHN B. CLARKE | Third Grand Steward |

JEWEL PRESENTED PAST GRAND MASTER T. H. JEFFRIES.

Brother Joseph C. Greenfield, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented Past Grand Master Thos. H. Jeffries with a beautiful Past Grand Master's jewel. Brother Jeffries accepted the jewel in fitting and chaste language.

GRAND MASTER GREETED.

As the One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication was about to close, an unusual and pleasing incident took place. Grand Master Banks, on assuming his station thanked the Grand Lodge for the high honor conferred upon him, outlined the policy of his administration and delivered a strong address on the duties of a Mason.

Brother T. J. Lumpkin, an honored Confederate veteran,

loyal and true, to his God, his country and his fellowman, in a voice full of love, requested that all Confederate veterans present arise and salute their Comrade Henry Banks, Grand Master.

In a moment every old veteran was on his feet, and as they stood erect and at attention, as they had oft done in the sixties, with eyes sparkling with the fire of old, and saluted their Comrade, and Grand Master, moisture filled the eyes of many who looked upon this scene.

An invitation was then extended to the sons of Confederate veterans to also arise and salute the Grand Master. This invitation was gladly accepted by the sons, and the salute extended.

Brother T. J. Carling addressed the Grand Master, and said there was still another class of men and Masons present, that were neither Confederate veterans nor sons of veterans; those men who came from north of the Mason and Dixon line, who would also like to salute the Grand Master. That he, himself, was from New York State; for over thirty-seven years he had lived in the South; the South was his home; he married a Southern woman from South Carolina—the home of secession; what I am today the credit is due this Southern woman. And today I am as true and loyal a Southerner as any man born south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Brother Carling, after paying a glowing tribute to the South, and Southern womanhood, requested those present who came from beyond the Mason and Dixon line to rise and salute the Grand Master. Brothers Alfred Jessop and Carling being the only two present, gracefully saluted.

Brother Carling's remarks were greeted with hearty applause.

Never before in the history of the Grand Lodge was the true spirit of brotherly love more beautifully manifested than by this closing incident.

PERMANENT AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

TRUSTEES MASONIC HOME

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| HENRY BANKS | Grand Master | LaGrange |
| GEO. M. NAPIER..... | Deputy Grand Master | Monroe |

STATE AT LARGE

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| THOMAS J. CARLING..... | | Macon |
| JOSEPH K. ORR | | Atlanta |

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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| JAMES W. TAYLOR..... | | Luthersville |
| MAX MEYERHARDT | | Rome |
| THOMAS H. JEFFRIES..... | | Atlanta |

ELECTED MEMBERS

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| First District | CHARLES F. FULTON | Savannah |
| Second District | W. E. SMITH | Atapulugus |
| Third District | J. N. EVANS | Rochelle |
| Fourth District | J. D. HAMRICK | Carrollton |
| Fifth District | JAS. L. MAYSON | Atlanta |
| Sixth District | CHARLES E. DAMOUR | Macon |
| Seventh District | JOE P. BOWDOIN | Adairsville |
| Eighth District | L. M. HEARD | Elberton |
| Ninth District | FRANK T. DAVIE..... | Flowery Branch |
| Tenth District | J. T. NEAL | Thomson |
| Eleventh District | W. B. KENT | Mount Vernon |

FINANCE

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| JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, <i>Chairman</i> | | |
| J. A. LITTLEJOHN | | J. R. STEPHENS |

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

A. Q. MOODY, *Chairman*

GRAND LODGE PROPERTY

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| W. S. SMITH | M. A. WEIR, <i>Chairman</i> | J. G. LESTER |
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AUDITING COMMITTEE No. 1

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| | CLIFF L. SMITH, <i>Chairman</i> | |
| J. BEN ROBERTS | | R. P. LESTER |

AUDITING COMMITTEE No. 2

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| | ROBERT H. TAYLOR, <i>Chairman</i> | |
| SAMUEL A. BROWN | | J. FRANK ERWIN |

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

JOHN E. MCCLELLAND, *Chairman*

CREDENTIALS

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| | P. T. MCCUTCHEN, <i>Chairman</i> | |
| P. B. LATIMER | | WM. HOUSER |
| CHAS. L. BASS | | J. HARWELL HOUSE |

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

MEMORIALS

BENJ. F. THURMAN, *Chairman*

RETURNS

JOE P. BOWDOIN, *Chairman*J. C. HARMAN
M. J. NEVINW. A. SIMMONS
GEORGE CASE

PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

JOHN R. WILKINSON, *Chairman*

JAS. B. CLEMENTS

J. A. LONGLEY

SALE CITY LODGE

I. A. BUSH, SR., *Chairman*D. M. ROGERS
H. L. McDONALDB. C. ADAMS
S. L. HAYES

BOARD OF TEMPLE TRUSTEES

THOS. J. CARLING, *Chairman*R. B. BARRON
W. A. PROUTT. D. WALKER
W. B. CHAPMAN

All the business of this session having been attended to, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Henry Banks
Grand Master

Attest :

W. F. Holburn

Grand Secretary

RECAPITULATION

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| Number of Lodges at opening of session | 548 |
| Number of Lodges at close of session | 579 |
| Charters granted at this session..... | 31 |
| Membership in 1908 | 30,056 |
| Membership in 1909 | 32,708 |
| Net gain in membership..... | 2,652 |
| Net gain in Lodges..... | 31 |

MEMORIALS



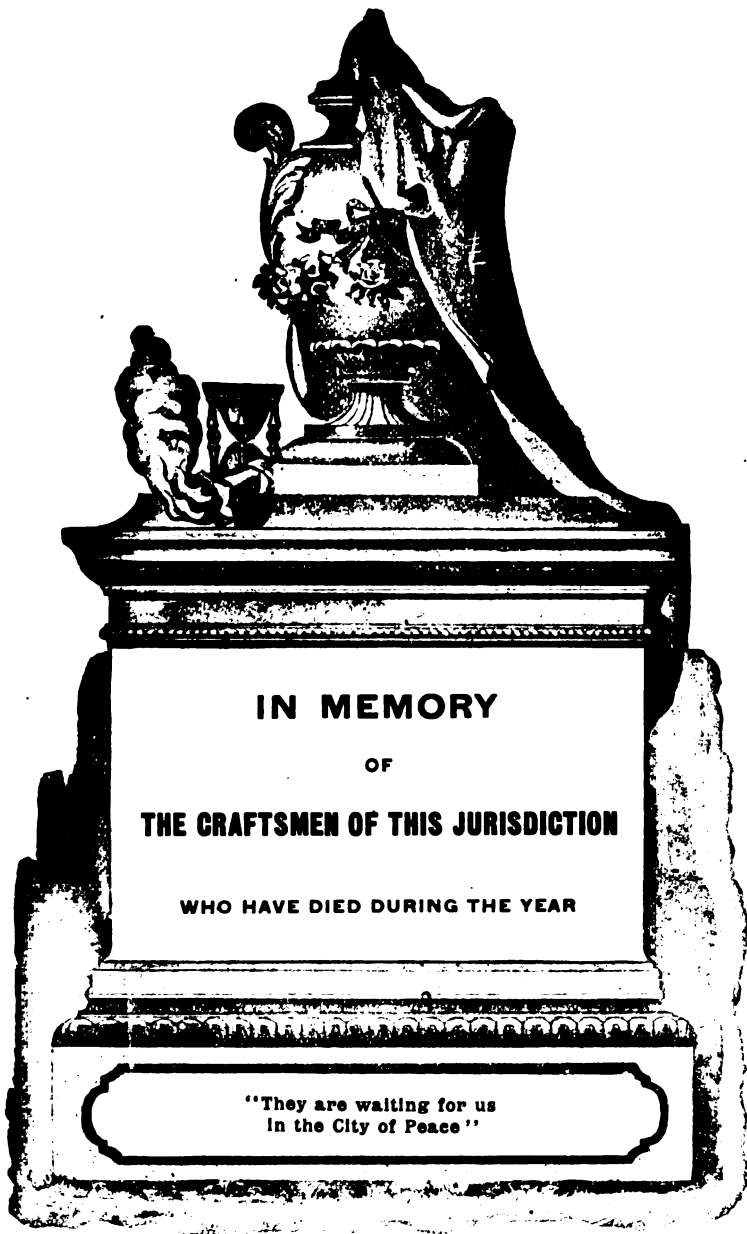
IN MEMORY

OF

DEPARTED PAST MASTERS

WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR

**"To live in hearts we leave behind,
Is not to die."**



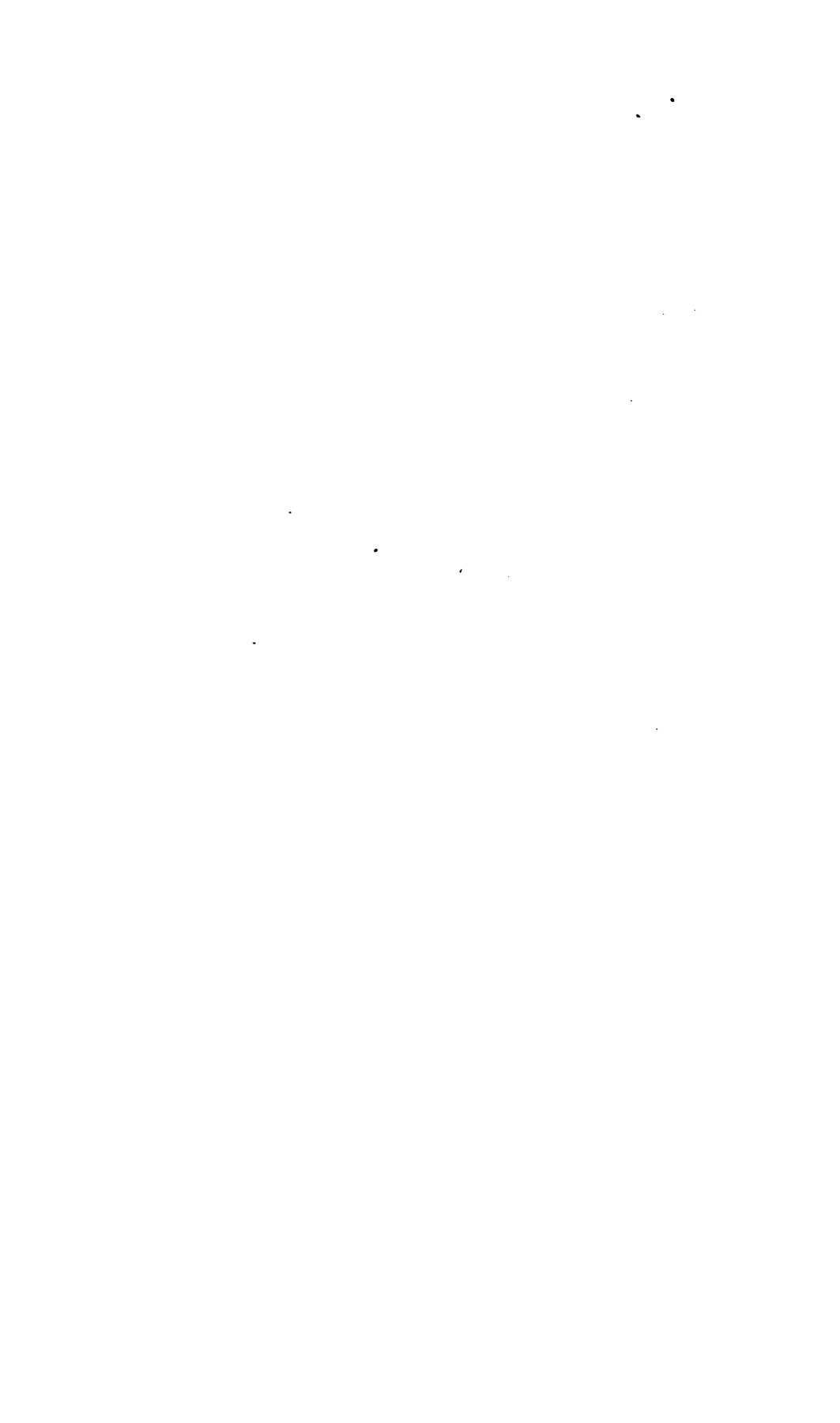
IN MEMORY

OF

THE CRAFTSMEN OF THIS JURISDICTION

WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR

**"They are waiting for us
In the City of Peace"**



TABULAR STATEMENTS

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES, COMPILED FROM RETURNS OF 1909.

| NO | NAME OF LODGE | WHERE HELD | COUNTY | MASTER | SECRETARY | TIME OF MEETING |
|----|-------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Solomon's | Savannah | Chatham | Geo. R. White | J. R. Cain | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 1 | Social | Augusta | Richmond | Sidney E. Marston | Wm. H. Crane | 2d Friday. |
| 2 | Gate City | Atlanta | Fulton | Royal Daniel | Heard W. Dents | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 3 | Benevolent | Milledgeville | Baldwin | H. S. Jones | H. Goodman | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 4 | Rising Star | Eatonton | Putnam | F. S. Batchelor | W. S. Smith | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 5 | Macon | Covington | Bibb | J. C. Schofield | W. B. Chapman | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 6 | Golden Fleece | Columbus | Newton | C. A. Harwell | J. W. Peek | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 7 | Columbian | Bainbridge | Muscogee | P. E. Whittlesy | M. A. Cook | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 8 | Orion | Hawkinsville | Decatur | L. A. Parker | V. Berry | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 9 | Mount Hope | Talbotton | Pulaski | E. J. Henry | M. Caldwell | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 10 | Olive | Warrenton | Talbot | E. L. Bardwell | W. C. Jameson | Friday before full moon. |
| 11 | Franklin | Austell | Warren | E. F. Davis | C. R. Fitzpatrick | 1st Friday. |
| 12 | Lathan | Americus | Cobb | L. G. Garrett | Tom Jones | 1st Sat. and 3d Thursday. |
| 13 | Americus | Tazwell | Sumter | C. S. Duer | W. P. Smith | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 14 | Marion | Savannah | Marion | J. H. Bryant | Z. T. Hogg | 1st Saturday. |
| 15 | Zerubbabel | Hamilton | Chatham | Jas. W. Thomas | Wm. A. Bishop | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 16 | Hamilton | Fort Gaines | Harris | L. L. Stanford | J. H. Mobley | 1st Saturday, 2 o'clock P. M. |
| 17 | Darley | Forsyth | Clay | Van. M. Fletcher | J. G. Brown | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 18 | Strict Observance | Cuthbert | Monroe | T. E. Fletcher | J. P. Carson | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 19 | Washington | Monroe | Randolph | I. R. Bridges | J. N. Stanford | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 20 | Generous Warren | Omaha | Walton | A. B. Mobley | S. H. Adams | 1st Tuesday. |
| 21 | Hiram | Athens | Stewart | M. N. Horton | J. H. Carter | 1st Wednesday, 2:30 P. M. |
| 22 | Mt. Vernon | Washington | Clarke | W. A. Capps | J. R. Crane | 2d Thursday. |
| 23 | LaFayette | Albany | Wilkes | W. A. Slaton | F. W. Gilbert | 2d Friday. |
| 24 | Albany | Elberton | Dougherty | Hugo Robinson | B. F. Brimberry | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 25 | Philomatheia | Griffin | Elbert | H. P. Hunter | H. E. Hawes | 1st Tuesday. |
| 26 | Meridian Sun | Thomaston | Spalding | Lloyd Cleveland | J. T. Waldrop | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 27 | Morning Star | LaGrange | Upson | T. G. Bethel | T. G. Bethel | 1st Monday. |
| 28 | Union | Norwood | Troup | J. E. Ricketson | G. W. Smith | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 29 | John H. Felts | | Warren | J. B. Ivey | V. L. Bray | 3d Saturday. |

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| 30 | Murrayville | Hall | H. H. Stephens | A. Smith | Thursday before full moon. |
| 31 | Montgomery | Zebulon | E. M. Owen | J. W. Means | 2nd and 4th Friday. |
| 32 | Rising Sun | Pike | H. F. Southwell | Joshua Beasley | 1st Saturday. |
| 33 | Kennesaw | Cobb | E. L. Robertson | J. R. Greer | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 34 | San Marino | Green | S. A. Tolbert | R. D. Thomas | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 35 | Houston | Houston | C. E. Brunson | John H. Hodges | Friday on or before full moon. |
| 36 | Unity | Jefferson | J. C. Bennett | W. W. Dickson | 1st Tuesday |
| 37 | Fraternal | McDonough | T. J. Brown | J. F. Bowden | 1st Friday, 3d Saturday. |
| 38 | Blue Mountain | Dahlonaga | A. J. Cavender | Wm. J. Worley | 1st Tuesday. |
| 39 | Newborn | Newborn | P. Wilson, Jr. | J. T. Wilson | Friday before full moon. |
| 40 | Chipley | Chipley | O. W. Tucker | J. B. White | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 41 | Pythagoras | DeKalb | C. M. Candler | Laurence Everhardt | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 42 | Leary | Calhoun | John T. Bailey | Harper Daniel | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 43 | West Point | Troup | S. T. Hammond | E. N. Dunn | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 44 | LaFayette | Cumming | W. S. Davenport | T. P. Tribble | 1st Tuesday. |
| 45 | St. Johns | Jackson | H. M. Fletcher | F. M. Allen | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 46 | Oakland | Meriwether | D. P. Ellis | R. C. McCrary | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 47 | Tifton | Tift | J. H. Hutchinson | G. L. Blalock | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 48 | Landrum | Chatham | G. L. Groover | W. C. Travis | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 49 | Boman | Polk | J. S. Brewster | John C. Taylor | Sat. before 3d Sun., Thurs. before 1st Sun. |
| 50 | Jasper | Jasper | E. A. Wynn | J. M. Pittard | 1st Friday. |
| 51 | Hiram | Danburg | C. W. Heard | J. W. Bellows | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 52 | Gladesville | Jasper | J. I. Niblett | E. C. McKinley | Saturday before full moon. |
| 53 | Bigbam | Moreland | R. W. Brannan | E. P. Floyd | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 54 | Clinton | Savannah | Simon N. Gazan | Thos. S. Russell | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 55 | Sumach | Murray | J. H. Harris | J. M. Hanna | 3d Saturday. |
| 56 | Burns | Reynolds | E. E. Hodges | R. H. James | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 57 | Walesca | Walesca | A. O. Moore | R. M. Moore | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 58 | Hamilton | Sandersville | J. E. Heyman | J. G. Cooley | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 59 | Atlanta | Fulton | Thomas Evans | Zadoc B. Moon | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 60 | Coweta | Coweta | C. J. Owens | E. D. Fouse | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 61 | Chatahoochee | Heard | Frank S. Loftin | E. E. Lewis | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 62 | Randolph | Randolph | S. S. Parham | C. G. Perryman | 2d Wednesday. |
| 63 | Cartersville | Cartersville | J. S. Calhoun | G. W. Waldrop | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 64 | Cohutta | Whitfield | W. H. Isbell | E. W. Bagley | Saturday before full moon. |
| 65 | Traveler's Rest | Macon | Jas. D. Moffit | J. H. Patrick | 1st Monday. |

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| 66 | Cherokee | Rome | Floyd | Max Meyerhardt | R. H. West | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 67 | Dawson | Crawfordville | Taliaferro | J. A. Beasley, Act | H. F. White | 2d Friday. |
| 68 | Dawson | Social Circle | Walton | J. L. Newton | M. A. Knox | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 69 | Carroll | Carrollton | Carroll | J. D. Hamrick | W. J. Millican | 1st Tuesday, 3d Thursday. |
| 70 | Hollonville | Hollonville | Pike | Ellis Moore | S. S. Coggins | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 71 | Goshen | Roopville | Carroll | W. T. Freel | W. A. Garrett | 3d Saturday. |
| 72 | Villa Rica | Villa Rica | Carroll | Martin Hamrick | J. E. Leathers | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 73 | Philadelphia | Glenville | Tattnall | J. J. Barnard | A. V. Barnard | Friday before 2d Sunday |
| 74 | Palmetto | Palmetto | Campbell | C. S. Reid | Wm. H. Astin | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 75 | Laurens | Dublin | Laurens | W. R. Rogers | J. W. Holland | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 76 | Campbellton | Campbellton | Campbell | John R. Carter | J. M. Camp | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 77 | Canton | Canton | Cherokee | J. M. Williams | Olin Fincher | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 78 | Buchanan | Buchannon | Haralson | A. Ayers | Jas. W. Ayers | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 79 | Primrose | Bowman | Elbert | J. V. Colvard | A. C. Adams | Thursday before 2d Sunday. |
| 80 | Weston | Weston | Webster | A. H. Kenyon | L. L. Passmore | 3d Saturday, 2 o'clock, P. M. |
| 81 | Oak Bowery | Ellijay | Gilmer | W. H. Cox | D. Garren | 1st Friday. |
| 82 | W. P. Arnold | Measena | Warren | R. L. Reese | J. V. Hall | 2d Saturday, 3 o'clock P. M. |
| 83 | Zaradatha | Crawford | Oglethorpe | W. A. Colquitt | R. S. Martin | Friday before full moon. |
| 84 | Lithonia | Lithonia | DeKalb | G. N. St. John | B. H. Spurlock | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 85 | Daniel | Island Creek | Hancock | R. R. Harper | J. M. Grimes | 2d Saturday, 2 o'clock P. M. |
| 86 | Magnolia | Blakely | Early | T. F. Cordray | W. D. Ray | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 87 | Jonesboro | Jonesboro | Clayton | W. V. Whaley | J. J. Hartsfield | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 88 | Pinta | Barnesville | Pike | J. W. Prout | J. W. Hanson | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 89 | W. D. Luckie | West End | Fulton | E. M. Willingham | C. M. Goodman | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 90 | Ringgold | Welden | Spalding | Robt. D. Ogletree | Joshua Hammond | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 91 | Western | LaFayette | Walker | J. P. Hall | C. M. Conley | Saturday before full moon. |
| 92 | Cornelia | Cornelia | Habersham | J. A. Walker | G. W. Shirley | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 93 | Hogansville | Hogansville | Troup | R. H. Utting | W. D. Zachry | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 94 | New River | Corinth | Heard | J. S. Johnson | J. W. Griffith | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 95 | M. B. Council | Americus | Sumter | F. A. Hooper | S. A. Sullivan | 1st and 3d Friday. |

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| 96 | Georgia | Atlanta | Fulton | Geo. F. Eubanks | M. Z. Crist | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 97 | Rockmart | Rockmart | Polk | J. T. Gibson | W. H. Hubbard | 1st Saturday, 3d Friday. |
| 98 | Lookout | Valley Store | Chattooga | W. A. Simmons | W. S. Parker | Saturday before 4th Sunday. |
| 99 | Johnnie's Hill | Johnnie's Hill | Jackson | E. C. Hall | W. S. Murphy | 1st Saturday. |
| 100 | McRae | Whiteford | Telfair | C. A. Ryals | J. G. Vincent | 2d Sat., Tues. after 4th Sun. |
| 101 | Whiteford | Whiteford | Laurens | J. B. Burch | J. T. McDaniel | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 102 | Chestatee | Wooley's Mill | Hall | J. A. Cathern | A. J. Julian | 2d Tuesday. |
| 103 | Davidson | Davidson's Hall | Jackson | W. N. Strange | W. N. Haynie | 4th Saturday. |
| 104 | Ridgeway | Garfield | Jenkins | J. L. Brown | O. B. Aaron | Friday before 3d Sunday. |
| 105 | Dalton | Dalton | Whitfield | T. D. Ridley | J. A. Longley | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 106 | Quitman | Ringgold | Catoosa | E. H. Road | D. A. Tundle | Thurs. on or before full moon. |
| 107 | Sardis | Sardis | Fulton | D. N. William | Justinian Evins | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 108 | Chapel | Chapel Hill | Stewart | C. E. Banks | E. B. Banks | 4th Saturday. |
| 109 | Summerville | Summerville | Chattooga | N. K. Biting | S. C. Martin | 3d Friday. |
| 110 | Fort Valley | Fort Valley | Houston | F. O. Miller | J. W. Wolfolk | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 111 | R. E. Lee | Mountain Hill | Harris | W. B. Smith | J. M. Brawner | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 112 | Jesup | Jesup | Wayne | A. G. Horton | Ira M. Raybon | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 113 | Oostanula | Rome | Floyd | A. S. Harvey | Norris N. Smith | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 114 | Alleghany | Blairsville | Union | J. Y. Walker | W. C. Sullivan | 3d Saturday. |
| 115 | Troup Factory | Troup Factory | Troup | J. A. Estes | J. H. Hardy | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 116 | Richard T. Turner | Pooler | Chatham | J. M. Symons | B. R. Bloodsworth | Saturday nearest full moon. |
| 117 | Ochlocknee | Ochlocknee | Thomas | W. T. Willis | A. E. Daniel | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 118 | Kimbrough | Pierce's Chapel | Harris | R. E. Moye | T. H. Kimbrough | 2d Saturday. |
| 119 | Pine View | Cason | Wilcox | W. W. Blalock | J. B. Mitchell | 1st Friday, 3d Saturday. |
| 120 | Mackey | Cave Springs | Floyd | A. C. Fincher | R. B. Tilly | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 121 | Caledonia | Cedartown | Polk | J. L. Tison | Charles Beasley | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 122 | Mount Olive | Molena | Pike | G. A. Mathews | W. D. Bennett | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 123 | Barber | White Plains | Green | C. H. Mapp | A. B. Tappin | Mon. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 124 | Furrow | Plains | Sumter | J. A. McDonald | J. I. Hiller | Friday before 2d Sunday. |
| 125 | Calvin | Calvin | Jasper | C. H. Pope | J. H. L. Wilson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 126 | Tallapoosa | Tallapoosa | Haralson | A. I. Head | W. C. Cornelius, Jr. | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 127 | Ancient York | Worthville | Butts | J. T. Doby | J. L. Savage | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 128 | Camilla | Camilla | Mitchell | I. A. Bush, Sr. | T. B. Perry | 3d Friday. |
| 129 | Fickland | Butler | Taylor | C. T. Adams | C. E. Burns | Friday before full moon. |
| 130 | Mount Moriah | Fayetteville | Fayette | J. D. Redwine | B. B. Teel | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 131 | Lawrenceville | Lawrenceville | Gwinnett | V. G. Hopkins | W. P. Johnson | 1st Tuesday. |

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| 132 | Andrew M. Wolihin | Sharon | Taliaferro | Geo. T. Moore | A. C. Davidson | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 133 | Mount Hickory | Mount Vale | Chattooga | C. P. Gaines | J. A. Roper | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 134 | Hunter | Marshallville | Macon | Geo. S. Haslam | J. E. Haslam, Jr. | 1st Friday. |
| 135 | Fergus | Logansville | Walton | J. B. Gurley | N. O. Bennett | 3d Saturday, 1st Thursday. |
| 136 | Pine Log | Pine Log | Bartow | Robt. H. Renfro | J. M. Elrod | On or before full moon. |
| 137 | Live Oak | Darien | McIntosh | Chas. M. Tyson | W. de R. Barclay | 1st Wednesday. |
| 138 | Howard | Maxeys | Oglethorpe | E. H. Bryant | J. R. Nicholson | Saturday before full moon. |
| 139 | Bartlett | Hiram | Paulding | E. W. Dean | R. T. Moon | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 140 | Claremount | Orchard Hill | Spalding | Carson Crawley | G. W. Kinard | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 141 | Mount Airy | Mount Airy | Habersham | R. S. Sanders | W. W. Lawdermilk | 3d Saturday. |
| 142 | Haralson | Haralson | Coweta | T. W. T. Wilson | L. O. Hutchinson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 143 | Southwestern | Oglethorpe | Macon | W. H. Gardner | N. E. Ware | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 144 | Ellerslie | Midland | Harris | N. G. Oatis | Geo. A. Redding | 1st Saturday. |
| 145 | Spring Place | Spring Place | Murray | F. E. Vonberg | J. C. Ellis | 1st Tuesday. |
| 146 | Kivlin | Grimes | Harris | J. V. Alexander | C. P. Pike | 2d Saturday. |
| 147 | Braxton | Broxton | Coffee | T. J. Young | W. L. Dubberly | 1st Friday. |
| 148 | Phi Delta | Homer | Banks | B. B. Garrison | A. M. Mason | 1st Friday. |
| 149 | Griffith | Griffith | Jackson | J. A. Crook | W. H. Hitchcock | 4th Saturday. |
| 150 | Irwinton | Irwinton | Wilkinson | J. E. Butler | I. B. Sinson | 4th Saturday. |
| 151 | Doerun | Doerun | Colquitt | A. H. Hancock | G. K. Porter | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 152 | Sharon Grove | Brooks Station | Fayette | A. W. Hasten | J. L. Gable | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 153 | Springville | Powder Sprgs | Cobb | J. H. Lewis | I. C. Moon | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 154 | Oothcaloga | Calhoun | Gordon | A. H. Chastain | G. F. Robinson | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 155 | Cusseta | Cusseta | Chattoohocchee | S. C. Sapp | J. D. Bagley | 2d Saturday. |
| 156 | Harmony | Stockbridge | Henry | U. Askew | J. H. Hightower | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 157 | Hall County | Mauldin's Mill Hall | Hall | J. L. Mauldin | R. A. Willbanks | 2d Saturday. |
| 158 | Lexington | Lexington | Oglethorpe | W. H. Reynolds | C. M. Hunter | 1st Tuesday before full moon. |
| 159 | County Line | County Line | Carroll | J. A. McAllister | B. F. Camp | Saturday before full moon. |
| 160 | Trion | Trion Factory | Chattooga | G. T. Myers | B. F. Myers | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 161 | Chauncey | Chauncey | Dodge | W. B. Bussey | B. N. Bussey | 1st and 3d Friday. |

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| 162 Joppa | Point Peter | Oglethorpe | W. E. Whitehead | R. A. Brooch | Saturday before full moon. |
| 163 Satilla | Pearson | Coffee | D. J. Pearson | Wm. Smith | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 164 Twiggs | Jeffersonville | Twiggs | B. B. Wimberly | F. E. Wimberly | 2d Tuesday and 3d Saturday. |
| 165 Roswell | Roswell | Cobb | Geo. E. Crowley | A. A. Martin | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 166 Webb | Augusta | Richmond | J. H. Flythe | Chas. Comer | 3d Monday. |
| 167 Floyd Springs | Floyd Springs | Floyd | W. L. Selman | M. H. Ball | 1st Saturday. |
| 168 Adairsville | Adairsville | Bartow | H. M. Veach | W. M. Gaston | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 169 Mt. Ebal | Mt. Ebal | Fayette | W. L. Stinchcomb | D. A. Handly | 3d Saturday. |
| 170 Rotherwood | Rotherwood | Carroll | J. T. Cowart | J. B. Stallings | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 171 Adamsville | Adamsville | Fulton | C. Coryell | J. C. Coryell | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 172 McDonald | Pavo | Thomas | J. M. Shepherd | M. V. Redfearn | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 173 Cross | Lumpkin | Stewart | W. L. Mardre | H. V. Davis | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sunday. |
| 174 Redwine | McConnell | Cherokee | W. A. Holcomb | Ivie Good | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 175 Zabud | Cabuniss | Monroe | C. D. Grant | R. C. Gibson | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 176 Acworth | Acworth | Cobb | Jesse L. Lemon | H. H. Logan | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 177 Pine Grove | Lovejoy | Clayton | J. P. S. Nash | A. V. McVickers | 4th Saturday. |
| 178 Philologia | Conyers | Rockdale | W. B. Parker | M. W. Hull | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 179 Trenton | Trenton | Dade | J. M. Lymance | J. G. Nethery | Wednesday after full moon. |
| 180 Fairburn | Fairburn | Campbell | J. T. Longino | E. M. Brooks | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 181 Milford | Elmodel | Baker | J. W. Brooks | J. M. Morgan | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 182 Dallas | Dallas | Paulding | E. H. Robertson | B. E. Smith | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 183 High Falls | High Falls | Butts | B. F. Maddox | G. C. Harkness | Saturday before 4th Sunday. |
| 184 St. John the Baptist | Valdosta | Lowndes | O. H. McDonald | Geo. F. Pindar | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 185 Cool Springs | Danville | Twiggs | S. A. Bryan | J. F. Lee | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 186 Carnesville | Carnesville | Franklin | W. R. Little | J. M. Phillips | 1st Tuesday. |
| 187 Center | Julia | Stewart | Dan Gillis | M. L. Gillis | 1st Saturday. |
| 188 Marshall | Preston | Webster | J. F. Lumford | J. R. Stapleton | 1st Saturday. |
| 189 Hartwell | Hartwell | Hart | W. E. Meredith | W. B. McMullen | 1st Tuesday. |
| 190 Rochelle | Rochelle | Wilcox | J. M. Evans | S. F. Laidler | 2d Saturday. |
| 191 Rockwell | Hoschton | Jackson | R. A. Hosch | W. T. Shaw | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 192 Brooksville | Brooksville | Stewart | M. E. Tison | W. F. Hester | 1st Saturday. |
| 193 Coffee | China Hill | Telfair | J. J. Boney | W. F. Boney | 4th Saturday. |
| 194 Worth | Sylvester | Worth | J. H. Westberry | J. D. Martin | Monday before full moon. |
| 195 Holmesville | Baxley | Appling | B. H. Patterson | Walker Branch | 1st Saturday. |
| 196 Folkston | Folkston | Charlton | L. E. Ballard | T. L. Pickren | 1st Saturday, 4th Tuesday. |
| 197 Willacoochee | Willacoochee | Coffee | B. B. Gray | J. Q. Hammond | 1st and 3d Friday. |

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| 198 | Millwood | Unadilla | Dooly | W. J. Oliver | D. L. Ivey | Fri before 2d and 4th Sunday. |
| 199 | Lumber City | Lumber City | Telfair | D. P. McArthur | A. L. Short | 1st Monday, 3d Saturday. |
| 200 | Walton | Shady Dale | Jasper | O. E. Lancaster | D. B. Cantrell | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 201 | Ocoee | Morganton | Fannin | G. W. Tarpley | J. C. Powell | 1st Saturday. |
| 202 | Tunnel Hill | Tunnel Hill | Whitfield | Geo. W. Head | C. P. N. Harris | Saturday before full moon. |
| 203 | Ashler | Winfred | Jasper | Jas. L. Burney | F. D. McDowell | Saturday before full moon. |
| 204 | A. J. Miller | Thomson | McDuffie | W. W. Hardaway | W. R. Hadley | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 205 | Hickory Flat | Hickory Flat | Cherokee | J. N. Simpson | S. A. Lackey | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 206 | Bowdon | Bowdon | Carroll | N. L. Moore | P. L. Abbott | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 207 | Marble Hill | Marble Hill | Pickens | M. C. McClain | John A. Fowler | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 208 | Hudson | Glades X Road | Putnam | P. E. Wheeler | S. J. Bryant | Friday before full moon. |
| 209 | Alapaha | Statenville | Echols | J. W. Pennington | J. G. Prine | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 210 | Sycamore | Ashburn | Turner | John J. Story | R. Paulk | 2d Friday, 4th Wednesday. |
| 211 | Alpine | Menlo | Chattooga | E. M. Jennings | G. T. Horton | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 212 | Flowers Branch | Flowers Br'ch | Hall | T. J. Wayne | J. A. Mooney | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 213 | Ogeechee | Statesboro | Bullock | J. W. Wilson | D. F. McCay | 1st Friday, 3d Tuesday. |
| 214 | Ocean | Brunswick | Glynn | C. D. Ogg | E. H. Houseman | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 215 | Gaulding | Senoia | Coweta | E. W. Jones | T. J. Entriken | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 216 | Fulton | Atlanta | Fulton | T. C. McDonald | W. S. Richardson | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 217 | Cochran | Cochran | Pulaski | T. L. Bailey | W. M. Wynn | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 218 | Simon Holt | Colquit | Miller | C. C. Bush | J. W. Loving | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 219 | Gainesville | Gainesville | Hall | R. D. Grigg | Thomas Burry | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 220 | Pickens Star | Jasper | Pickens | John Mann | John W. Cagle | 1st Tuesday, 3d Saturday. |
| 221 | Sonora | Sonora | Gordon | W. H. Hardy | C. A. Fox | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 222 | Etowah | Dawsonville | Dawson | R. A. Guber | E. B. Stovall | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 223 | Smith | Richland | Stewart | E. L. Brawner | J. Giles | 1st Tuesday, 3d Friday. |
| 224 | Cassia | Homerville | Clinch | W. E. Smith | C. H. Smith | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 225 | Attapulugus | Decatur | Decatur | I. F. Goodman | M. H. Lutten | 2d Wednesday, 4th Saturday. |
| 226 | Fort Early | Antioch Church | Crisp | I. F. Goodman | J. F. Williamson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 227 | Altamaha | Ludowici | Liberty | M. M. Smith | J. S. Mallard | 2d Friday. |

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| 228 | Norcross | Gwinnett | J. E. Davenport | Richard A. Myers | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 229 | P. T. Schley | Terrell | W. B. Cheatham | W. P. Skelton | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 230 | Auburn | Gwinnett | R. J. Ehridge | K. A. Elrod | Saturday before full moon. |
| 231 | Ancient Landmark | Chatham | M. L. Denmark | T. G. Bassinger | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 232 | Mountain | Walton | J. E. Wright, Act. | W. P. Perry | 1st Saturday. |
| 233 | Wood's Station | Catoosa | W. C. Hullender | T. A. Williams | 4th Saturday. |
| 234 | Duncan | Berrien | W. H. Griffin | J. H. House | 4th Saturday, 2d Friday. |
| 235 | Alpharetta | Milton | Geo. D. Rucker | Jas. M. Dodds | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 236 | Luthersville | Meriwether | J. T. Murphy | J. H. Taylor | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 237 | Shalto | Brooks | J. T. Roan | M. C. Wade, Sr. | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 238 | Cassia | Jefferson | G. M. McCoy | J. F. Ruby | 4th Wednesday. |
| 239 | Aural | Montgomery | Aden Garrett | Wm. Bland | 3d Saturday. |
| 240 | Gordon | Wilkinson | J. H. Beck | C. H. McCook | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 241 | Lavonia | Franklin | J. C. Walters | G. C. Ward | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 242 | Dixie | Brooks | C. G. Harman | F. M. Austin | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sunday. |
| 243 | Anderson | Johnson | J. W. Brunson, Jr. | T. L. Harris | 1st Thursday, 3d Saturday. |
| 244 | Swainsboro | Emanuel | W. H. Proctor | J. M. Nunez | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 245 | Lawrence | Jefferson | R. P. Porter | K. M. England | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 246 | Woodstock | Cherokee | D. J. Haney | J. B. Medford | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 247 | Eureka | Lee | A. M. Godwin | S. P. Crowell | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 248 | Screven | Jenkins | J. J. Edenfield | H. G. Edenfield | Thursday before full moon. |
| 249 | Arlington | Calhoun | T. G. Avery | W. J. Horsely | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 250 | Smithville | Lee | W. H. Lunsford | J. L. Wells | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 251 | Sprayberry | Henry | G. P. Snead | I. C. Rowden | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 252 | Draketown | Haralson | J. B. Weaver | W. C. Walton | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 253 | W. P. Haynes | Hancock | Z. R. Smith | Geo. Bradley | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 254 | Morven | Brooks | C. C. McKae | J. B. Monk | 2d Saturday, 4th Thursday. |
| 255 | Mabel | Bibb | J. T. Davison | M. A. Weir | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 256 | Tennille | Washington | E. W. Jordan | W. J. Joiner | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 257 | Gibson | Glascok | W. S. Lamb | Wilson Glover | 3d Saturday. |
| 258 | Ivena | Decatur | H. E. Gill | S. D. Cherry | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 259 | Unicoy | Towns | Jas. J. Kimsey | John H. Davis | 1st Saturday. |
| 260 | Stilesboro | Bartow | R. F. Kincannon | T. M. Sproull | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 261 | Ball Ground | Cherokee | C. W. Groover | W. C. Allen | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 262 | Locust Grove | Henry | John T. Davis | A. D. Tingle | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 263 | Damascus | Early | | | |

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| 264 | Summertown | Summertown | Emanuel | J. A. Brown | J. M. Snellgrove | 1st Saturday. |
| 265 | Clayton | Clayton | Rabun | J. C. Dover | Chas. A. Rogers | Friday before full moon. |
| 266 | A. I. Leet | Kensington | Walker | S. P. Hall | G. C. Baker | 4th Saturday. |
| 267 | Salem | Desser | Decatur | E. C. Bridges | C. Faircloth | 2nd and 4th Saturday. |
| 268 | Carter Hill | Bethlehem | Walton | J. C. Beddingfield | E. S. Harris | 2d Saturday. |
| 269 | St. Johns | Red Bluff | Scriven | Gso. A. Moore | Israel H. Evans | 1st Friday. |
| 270 | Blackshear | Blackshear | Pierce | W. N. Brown | W. W. Yarbrough | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 271 | Hinesville | Hinesville | Liberty | W. W. Zorn | J. R. Bagley | 1st Friday. |
| 272 | Western Light | Abbeville | Wilcox | P. D. Wooten, Act | J. R. Monroe | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 273 | Friendship | Fri'ship Ac'dy. | Pulaski | G. A. Nelson | C. M. Reynolds | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 274 | Waynesboro | Waynesboro | Burke | M. C. Cohen | R. M. Blount | 2d Friday. |
| 275 | Cedar Creek | Folsom | Bartow | A. A. Adcock | B. F. Mosteller | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 276 | Harlem | Harlem | Columbia | M. H. McElmurry | R. E. L. Reddy | Friday before full moon. |
| 277 | Mobley | Vaughn | Spalding | T. J. Purdy | J. H. Ellis | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 278 | Chestnut Mountain | Chestnut Mt. | Hall | A. W. Morrow | W. N. Oliver | 4th Saturday. |
| 279 | Eastman | Eastman | Dodge | John B. Clark | C. B. Merrell | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 280 | Springfield | Clyo | Effingham | J. G. Mallary | O. E. Metzger | 4th Friday. |
| 281 | Horeb | Boston | Thomas | J. J. Parramore | T. B. Barrow | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 282 | Sixes | Cherokee | Cherokee | B. F. Rutledge | J. A. Ford | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 283 | Hazlehurst | Hazlehurst | Jeff Davis | J. C. Bennett | T. R. Moore | 3d Friday. |
| 284 | Z. T. Phelps | Shellman | Randolph | R. S. Crittenden | Reid Crittenden | 4th Saturday, 2d Friday. |
| 285 | Grantville | Grantville | Meriwether | W. A. Bohannon | A. M. Collins | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 286 | Dorminy's Mill | Dorminy's Mill | Ben Hill | J. E. Dykes | A. S. Dorminy | 3d Saturday. |
| 287 | Bluffton | Bluffton | Clay | H. U. Harrison | E. C. Collins | 2d Saturday. |
| 288 | East Point | East Point | Fulton | A. E. Wilson | E. J. Evans | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 289 | Douglasville | Douglasville | Douglas | R. E. Edwards | F. M. Stewart | 1st and 3d Sunday. |
| 290 | Toombsboro | Toombsboro | Wilkinson | J. L. Dean | W. H. Freeman | Fri. before 3d Sun, Wed. before 1st Sun. |
| 291 | Tilton | Tilton | Whitfield | W. A. Steven | J. D. Townsend | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 292 | Buford | Buford | Gwinnett | Bona Allen, Jr. | V. M. Beard | 2d Saturday, 4th Friday. |
| 293 | Rising Fawn | Rising Fawn | Dade | D. S. Middleton | J. V. Stewart | Saturday before full moon. |

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| 294 Hudson | Commerce | Jackson | J. B. Hardaman. | J. T. Holbrook | 1st Thursday. |
| 295 Cassville | Cassville | Bartow | Ward Redwine | J. P. Crawford | Saturday before full moon. |
| 296 Cordelia | Cordale | Crisp | J. L. Carman | J. H. Lamb | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 297 High Shoals | High Shoals | Oconee | T. W. Williams | C. K. Watson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 298 Rutland | Liberty Chapel | Bibb | N. S. Outlaw | G. K. Williams | 1st Monday. |
| 299 Cairo | Liberty Chapel | Grady | M. J. Pearce | Edward F. Richter | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 300 Crawfish Spring | Chickamauga | Walker | Lee H. Dyer | T. M. Boss | 3d Saturday. |
| 301 Sylvania | Sylvania | Scriven | Wm. M. Hobby | W. L. Mathews | Fri. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 302 Milkin's Creek | Cedar Crossing | Tooms | J. L. Woolf | S. J. Bland | 4th Saturday. |
| 303 Bryan | Clyde | Bryan | S. B. Shuman | T. C. Morgan | 3d Saturday. |
| 304 Mount Hermon | Columbus | Muscogee | John S. Jenkins | Wm. L. Williams | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 305 Waycross | Waycross | Ware | Benj. G. Parks | A. G. Villee | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 306 Cossowatee | Decora | Gordon | G. A. Middleton | W. L. Thomas | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 307 Indian Spring | Flovilla | Butts | A. F. White | A. C. Millen | 1st and 2d Friday. |
| 308 Liberty Hill | Liberty Hill | Twiggs | J. H. Jessup | M. C. Kitchens | Saturday before 1st Sunday. |
| 309 Toccoa | Toccoa | Habersham | W. A. Bailey | J. J. Bright | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 310 Adel | Adel | Berrien | Robt. F. Jackson | H. L. Parrish | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 311 Walnut Hill | Frolona | Heard | F. A. Hill | H. H. Alsbrook | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 312 Pelham | Pelham | Mitchell | D. M. Rogers | M. S. Stewart | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 313 Eureka | Alapaha | Berrien | M. J. McMillan | F. T. Tiller | 1st Friday, 3d Saturday. |
| 314 Meyerhardt | Kennesaw | Cobb | B. W. Griggs | B. H. Carrie | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 315 Irwinville | Irwinville | Irwin | J. B. Clements | J. E. Walker | 3d Saturday |
| 316 Mount Zion | Oscarville | Forsyth | W. A. Couch | R. M. Crow | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 317 Girard | Girard | Burke | C. W. Buxton | B. Jenkins, Jr. | Saturday before full moon. |
| 318 Alcona | Newton Fac'y | Newton | O. L. Holmes | C. E. Cunard | On or before full moon. |
| 319 Sugar Valley | Sugar Valley | Gordon | N. A. Bradford | J. T. McEntire | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 320 Bussey | Bullockville | Meriwether | W. H. Calloway | J. F. Boykin | 1st and 4d Saturday. |
| 321 Greenville | Greenville | Meriwether | N. F. Culpepper | D. O. Phillips | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 322 Temple | Temple | Carroll | D. H. Hamrick | J. S. Dobbs | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 323 Nelms | Smyrna | Cobb | J. H. Cantrell | A. W. Suttles | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 324 Vienna | Vienna | Dooly | H. A. Mobley | J. A. Walden | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 325 Clarksville | Clarksville | Habersham | W. M. Loggans | W. A. Simmons | 2d Saturday. |
| 326 Woodbine | Woodbine | Camden | A. K. Swift | E. G. Scott | 3th Wednesday, 2d Thursday. |
| 327 Kite | Kite | Johnson | H. P. Claxton | Wm. N. Knight | Saturday before 4th Sunday. |
| 328 Hoboken | Hoboken | Pierce | B. B. Moore | J. K. Larkin | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 329 Few | Buena Vista | Marion | B. T. Peacock | W. T. Foster | 2d Friday, 4th Wednesday. |

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| 330 | Vidalia | Vidalia | Toombs | Jas. M. Meadows | P. S. Hagan | 1st Saturday, 2d Friday. |
| 331 | Harrison | Agricola | Glascok | J. W. Harrison | J. B. Harrison | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 332 | Waco | Waco | Harrison | H. S. Causey | A. W. Braden | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 333 | Winder | Winder | Jackson | Claude Mayne | R. D. Moore | 2d Friday. |
| 334 | Davidson | Woolsey | Fayette | J. R. Jones | C. R. Woolsey | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 335 | Ezell | Claxton | Tattnall | J. W. Daniels | Chas. H. Avret | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 336 | Whitesburg | Whitesburg | Carroll | G. W. Burnett | B. L. Camp | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 337 | Turin | Turin | Coweta | Z. Christopher | E. G. Summers | 2d and 8th Saturday. |
| 338 | Lyerly | Lyerly | Chattooga | J. M. Rose | O. F. Doster | 1st Thurs., Sat. before 3d Sun. |
| 339 | Silver City | Silver City | Forsyth | B. W. Pirkle | Henry T. Hardin | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 340 | Dexter | Dexter | Laurens | J. A. Warren | J. Useery | Friday before 2d Sunday. |
| 341 | Sweat's Mountain | Little River | Cherokee | H. J. Dial | S. D. McCleskey | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 342 | Handy | Handy | Coweta | J. J. Davis | W. D. Byrd | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 343 | DeWald | Rutledge | Morgan | M. L. Wallace | Chas. C. Herren | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 344 | Primus | Lanier | Bryan | W. E. B. Priestler | W. G. Tuten | 2d Saturday. |
| 345 | Stillmore | Stillmore | Emanuel | B. L. Brinson | H. E. Olive | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 346 | Hahira | Hahira | Lowndes | W. W. Webb | C. M. Sweat, Act. | 2d Saturday, 4th Wednesday. |
| 347 | Maysville | Maysville | Banks | B. H. Green | F. H. Boyd | 2d Thursday. |
| 348 | John H. Jones | Danielsville | Madison | A. H. Long | T. A. Grimes, Jr. | Saturday before full moon. |
| 349 | Morning Star | Fairmont | Gordon | John Cochran | D. B. Tolbert | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 350 | Sand Hill | Sand Hill | Carroll | W. T. Henlon | D. M. Boatright | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 351 | Texas | Texas | Hearl | J. M. Barton | J. B. Barber | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 352 | Lula | Lula | Hall | J. T. Hyder | W. F. Smiley | 4th Saturday. |
| 353 | Pine Level | Fitzgerald | Ben Hill | E. K. Farmer | J. W. Pearson | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 354 | Lincolnton | Lincolnton | Lincoln | R. W. Humphreys | W. M. Cartledge | Friday before full moon. |
| 355 | Hollingsworth | Hollingsworth | Banks | A. C. Moss | P. L. Caudell | 4th Friday. |
| 356 | Whigham | Whigham | Grady | R. H. Maxwell | T. J. Mills | 1st Tuesday, 3d Friday. |
| 357 | Lost Mountain | Lost Mountain | Cobb | J. S. Pickens | J. W. Mayer | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 358 | Harrison | Harrison | Washington | H. F. Sheppard | W. H. Barksdale | 1st Thursday. |
| 359 | Washington | Ellaville | Schley | M. D. Herring | W. D. Murray | 2d and 4th Thursday. |

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| 360 Patillo | Patillo | Monroe | A. H. Chapple | J. E. Spruce | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 361 DeSoto | DeSoto | Sumter | N. R. Blackman | J. W. Clopton. | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 362 Flippin | Flippin | Henry | H. S. Rowan | J. T. Strickland | 2d Wednesday, 4th Saturday. |
| 363 Taylor | Rocky Mount. | Meriwether | K. W. Robertson. | H. B. Clark | 1st and 3d Saturday |
| 364 Plainsville | Plainsville | Gordon | I. D. Smith | N. A. Dodd | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 365 Walnut Grove | Walnut Grove | Walton | R. M. Carter | P. W. Harris | 1st Saturday. |
| 366 Ochoopee | Ochoopee | Toombs | J. A. Stephens | L. L. Clifton | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 367 Dooly | Camp Creek | Union | M. J. Smith | A. A. Bruce | 1st Saturday. |
| 368 Screven | Screven | Wayne | D. R. Thornton | I. M. Hurst | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 369 Thomasville | Thomasville | Thomas | W. J. Taylor | M. A. Fleetwood | 3d Saturday. |
| 370 Adrian | Adrian | Emanuel | B. C. Kea | W. C. Smith | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 371 Flint Hill | McWhorter | Douglas. | J. T. Giles | A. Hudson | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 372 Rocky Ford | Rocky Ford | Screven | J. A. Lee | S. T. Parker | 1st Thursday. |
| 373 Bickley | Bickley | Ware | W. M. Roberts | J. M. Douglas | 3d Monday. |
| 374 Ocilla | Ocilla | Irwin | M. Henderson | J. J. Flanders | 3d Saturday. |
| 375 Siloam | Snapping Sh's | Newton | T. D. Joyner | D. O. Thompson | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 376 Madison | Madison | Morgan | W. L. Carbine | H. T. Harris | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 377 Sandy Plains | Sandy Plains | Cobb | M. L. McCleskey | W. M. McGarity | 1st Sat., Fri. before 3d Sat. |
| 378 Sirmons | Dupont | Clinch | L. E. Cox | R. Lieberls | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 379 Doles | Doles | Worth | C. T. Anason | E. M. Aultman, Jr. | 1st Tuesday, 3d Saturday. |
| 380 Oceana | Lake Park | Lowndes | H. M. Zeigler | W. T. Corbett | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 381 Moultrie | Moultrie | Colquitt | T. H. Parker | Thad Adams | 4th Saturday. |
| 382 Yonah | Cleveland | White | C. H. Edwards | Alex Davidson | 4th Friday. |
| 383 Dover | Dover | Screven | S. A. E. Wilson | W. A. Wilson | 1st Friday. |
| 384 Seville | Seville | Wilcox | J. A. Collins | W. J. Warren | 1st Tuesday. |
| 385 Alexander | Alexander | Burke | Geo. L. Mills | J. B. Smith | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 386 Douglas | Douglas | Coffee | John M. Hall | T. P. Wilcox | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 387 Arabi | Arabi | Dooly | C. M. Jackson | C. B. Weaver | 3d Friday. |
| 388 Reuben Jones | Morgan | Calhoun | I. S. L. Miller | W. A. Waters | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 389 Mill Ray | Mill Ray | Bulloch | S. C. Haynes | G. L. Jackson | 4th Saturday. |
| 390 Waltham | Macon | Bibb | E. A. Lewis | D. B. Middleton | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 391 Bachlott | Lulaton | Wayne | R. Hightower | C. L. Crumley | 2d Tues., 4th Saturday. |
| 392 White House | White House. | Henry | W. H. Studstill | Eph Evans | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 393 Milan | Milan | Telfair | L. P. Gaines | L. J. Barrett | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 394 Kingston | Kingston | Bartow | A. R. Heyward | S. S. Story | |
| 395 Warwick | Warwick | Worth | | | |

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| 396 | Coleman | Coleman | Randolph | B. L. Brown | S. I. Saunders | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 397 | Rossville | Rossville | Walker | J. B. Langford | W. S. Henry | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 398 | Davisboro | Davisboro | Washington | Amos Walden | J. C. Godfrey | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 399 | Forest | Forest Park | Clayton | E. Nabel | H. F. Puckett | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 400 | Nichols | Nichols | Coffee | W. M. Brown | S. L. Vinson | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 401 | Concord | Concord | Pike | J. C. Owen | J. P. Lee | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 402 | Marchman | Marchman | Faulding | Robt. J. Cole | W. E. Doyal | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 403 | Centralhatchee | Centralhatchee | Heard | W. B. Hardy | J. L. Marshall | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 404 | Shannon | Comer | Madison | A. M. Scarborough | Geo. W. Whitehead | On or after full moon. |
| 405 | Harmony | Harmony | Montgomery | H. S. Bragg | J. W. Sherrod | 3d Saturday. |
| 406 | Hartsfield | Hartsfield | Colquitt | S. L. Hays | J. W. Edwards | 2d Wednesday. |
| 407 | Yatesville | Yatesville | Upson | A. A. Crawford | B. S. Purifoy | Friday before full moon. |
| 408 | Crawford | Roberts | Crawford | J. N. Andrews | J. E. L. Johnson | Friday before full moon. |
| 409 | Rhine | Rhine | Dodge | P. C. Studstill | S. A. Sheffield | Thurs. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 410 | Bay View | Bay View | Liberty | D. I. Dawson | F. L. Smiley | Friday before 3d Sunday. |
| 411 | Blue Ridge | Blue Ridge | Fannin | C. B. Crawford | F. G. Duncan | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 412 | Richmond | Hephzibah | Richmond | A. L. Traylor | J. E. McLelland | Friday before full moon. |
| 413 | Griffin | Griffin | Spalding | J. L. Davis | T. O. McHaffey | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 414 | Stephens | Young Harris | Towns | J. A. Sharp | T. C. Townsend | 4th Saturday. |
| 415 | Lone Oak | Lone Oak | Meriwether | J. L. Prickett | T. H. Sewell | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 416 | Bolton | Bolton | Fulton | V. B. Moore | J. T. Cavell | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 417 | Sibbie | Sibbie | Wilcox | G. C. Wilcox | R. A. Gibbs | 3d Wednesday. |
| 418 | Fort Hawkins | East Macon | Bibb | F. R. L. Stroberg | G. Ryle | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 419 | Rose | Whitesville | Harris | J. L. Sappington | S. W. Stanford | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 420 | Woodbury | Woodbury | Meriwether | L. D. Long | J. M. Strother | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 421 | Sweetwater | Luxomni | Gwinnett | G. W. Richardson | D. L. Garner | 2d Saturday. |
| 422 | Norman | Signal | Wilkes | J. A. Moss | E. J. Norman | Friday before full moon. |
| 423 | McCays | McCays | Fannin | Boone Crawford | Chas. Black | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 424 | Long Cane | Long Cane | Troup | Oscar Hairston | N. P. Moore | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 425 | Oakwood | Oakwood | Hall | A. C. Jones | M. B. Sewell | Thursday before full moon. |

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| 426 | Royston | Royston | Franklin | J. F. Lee | W. F. Hubbard | Thursday before full moon. |
| 427 | Amity | Watkinsville | Oconee | Geo. W. Wells | E. P. Johnston | Saturday before full moon. |
| 428 | Guyton | Guyton | Effingham | Robt. L. Elkins | Daniel G. Heidt, Jr. | 1st Friday. |
| 429 | Sargent | Sargent | Coweta | W. T. Dyer | S. G. Allen | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 430 | Sincerity | Clinton | Jones | O. M. Moore | J. C. Barron | Friday before full moon. |
| 431 | Henry C. Burr | Atwater | Upson | J. W. Barron | W. H. Boyers | Friday before full moon. |
| 432 | Moniac | Moniac | Charlton | J. W. Strickland | O. R. Anderson | 4th Saturday. |
| 433 | Dacula | Dacula | Gwinnett | L. C. Mauldin | Jas. M. Wilson | 2d Tuesday. |
| 434 | Milltown | Milltown | Berrien | J. V. Talley | W. L. Black | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 435 | Metter | Metter | Bulloch | Julian Edenfield | A. H. Stapler | 1st Saturday. |
| 436 | Kent | Lothair | Montgomery | M. L. O'Brien | N. T. Miller | 1st Saturday. |
| 437 | Lenox | Lenox | Berrien | J. R. Robinson | A. O. Allen | 1st Thursday, 3d Wednesday. |
| 438 | Roger Wood | Quince | Tattnall | J. D. Coleman | Mike Collins | 4th Saturday. |
| 439 | Sparks | Sparks | Berrien | O. P. Goodman | J. K. Sinclair | Fri. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 440 | Egypt | Egypt | Effingham | John E. Foy | Thos. A. Dutton | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 441 | Riverdale | Riverdale | Clayton | R. T. Allen | M. M. Huie | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 442 | Sparta | Sparta | Hancock | J. C. Powell | Ellison R. Cook | Tues. after 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 443 | Elko | Elko | Houston | O. L. Cowan | P. C. Coker | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 444 | Chamblee | Chamblee | DeKalb | J. M. Addington | J. A. Whitt | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 445 | Lookout Mountain | Pittsburg | Walker | W. H. Hunter | F. E. Crum | 2d and 4th Wednesday. |
| 446 | Hamby | Fargo | Clinch | M. T. LaHatte | H. M. Wood | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 447 | Piedmont | Atlanta | Fulton | A. E. Strother | J. H. Porter | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 448 | Amity | Amity | Lincoln | H. C. Tuggle | W. A. Williams | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 449 | Stone Mountain | Stone Mountain | DeKalb | W. Y. Allaban | N. A. Bush | 1st Monday and Monday after 3d Sunday. |
| 450 | Byron | Byron | Houston | J. S. Mullins | T. S. Jackson | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 451 | Baconton | Baconton | Mitchell | W. J. Monk | Brady Alegood | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 452 | Funston | Funston | Colquitt | J. L. Butler | F. L. Courtoy | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 453 | Norman | Norman Prk | Colquitt | J. W. Smith | Fred Shaefer | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 454 | College Park | College Park | Fulton | D. W. Barnett | C. O. Lloyd | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 455 | Lindale | Lindale | Floyd | W. D. Smith | C. F. Dodson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 456 | Bremen | Bremen | Harison | J. F. McGowan | M. C. Nelson | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 457 | Euharlee | Euharlee | Bartow | B. L. Rountree | T. F. Bvrd | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 458 | Summit | Summit | Emanuel | J. M. Pilcher | C. G. Battle | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 459 | Meigs | Meigs | Thomas | J. W. Rowe | C. C. Hutton | Friday before 3d Sunday. |
| 460 | Thagard | Rentz | Laurens | T. L. Ketchersid | Geo. W. Davis | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 461 | Buckhead | Buckhead | Morgan | | | |

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| 462 | Bartow | Bartow | Jefferson | T. S. Murphy | R. H. Malone | 1st and 3d Wednesday. |
| 463 | Gordon Springs | Gordon Springs | Whitfield | W. C. Pangle | W. H. Westbrook | 1st Saturday. |
| 464 | Rebecca | Rebecca | Turner | F. H. Taylor | Geo. F. Moore | 4th Saturday. |
| 465 | Gay | Guest | Colquitt | W. H. Jolly | C. H. Parsons | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 466 | Salem | Salem | Pulaski | G. H. McNair | J. B. Meadows | 4th Saturday. |
| 467 | Wellington | Bostwick | Morgan | J. A. Snellings | W. M. Fambrough | 4th Friday. |
| 468 | Antioch | Antioch | Troup | W. M. Hardaway | J. R. Hammond | Sat. before 1st and 8d Sun. |
| 469 | Pembroke. | Pembroke | Bryan | J. W. Parish | Jas. M. Smith | 3d Friday. |
| 470 | Stonewall | Louisville | Jefferson | Pierce Hubert | W. A. Stone | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 471 | Howell | Howell | Echols | T. J. Rizer | J. F. Colson | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 472 | Sale City | Sale City | Mitchell | F. A. Terry | B. F. Ray | 4th Thursday. |
| 473 | Pinehurst | Pinehurst | Dooly | W. E. Beacham | A. M. Wilson, pro tem | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 474 | Jenkinsburg | Jenkinsburg | Butts | W. G. Cowan | W. M. Stone | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sunday. |
| 475 | Meansville | Meansville | Pike | W. M. Coker | E. M. Slade | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 476 | Camden | St. Marys | Camden | J. B. Smith | J. B. Rudolph | 2d Wednesday. |
| 477 | New Home | New Home | Johnson | N. D. Norris | A. S. Mayo | 1st Monday, 3d Wednesday. |
| 478 | Lyons | Lyons | Toombs | S. I. Hussey | F. M. Smith | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 479 | Glenwood | Glenwood | Montgomery | B. R. Renton | Jas. T. Geiger | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 480 | Duluth | Duluth | Gwinnett | D. V. Wilson | J. V. Adams | 1st Tuesday. |
| 481 | Gordon | Waverly Hall | Harris | G. T. Gurr | J. G. Owen | 3d Saturday. |
| 482 | Stilesboro. | Stilson | Bulloch | Jno. I. Lane | G. W. Lewis | 2nd Monday, 4th Saturday. |
| 483 | Mineral Bluff | Mineral Bluff | Fannin | J. E. McNeley | I. R. Christopher | Saturday before 3d Sunday. |
| 484 | Suttle | Green Bush | Walker | J. M. Jackson | F. A. McWilliams | Sat. before 1st Sun., Fri. before 3d Sun. |
| 485 | Kate | Tate | Pickens | M. S. Long | W. L. Phillips | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 486 | Paletine | Atlanta | Fulton | Bernard Wolf | D. E. Shumaker | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 487 | Faceville | Faceville | Decatur | W. B. McDaniel | J. A. Spear | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 488 | Babcock | Babcock | Miller | M. A. Sexton | R. O. McNair | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 489 | Mansfield | Mansfield | Newton | | | |
| 490 | County Line | County Line | Polk | J. J. McColium | H. H. Tibbetts | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 491 | Jason Burr | Mountville | Troup | Olin Carleton | I. D. Fuller | 2d and 4th Thursday. |

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| 492 | Clarkston | Clarkston | DeKalb | C. S. Branyon | Clem Jolly | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 493 | Butler | Surrency | Appling | J. A. Ross | G. J. Thomas | 2d Saturday. |
| 494 | Ryromville | Byromville | Dooly | L. W. Mobley | L. A. Woodruff | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 495 | Elm | Near Moultrie | Colquitt | W. A. King | G. W. Register | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 496 | Metcalfe | Metcalfe | Thomas | W. B. Wackins | C. S. Russell | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 497 | Jersey | Jersey | Walton | Josiah Blasingame | W. Y. Allen | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 498 | Pulaski | Pulaski | Bulloch | J. T. Patrick | J. R. Griffin | 3d Wednesday. |
| 499 | Montrose | Montrose | Laurens | J. T. Melton | Clinton C. Wade | Friday before 1st Sunday. |
| 500 | Edison | Edison | Calhoun | Chas. F. Barry | W. A. Manry | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 501 | S. G. Kent | Rockledge | Laurens | J. R. Heister | M. Thigpen | 1st Saturday. |
| 502 | Olliff | Register | Bulloch | T. R. Olliff | D. O. Beasley | Thursday before 4th Sunday. |
| 503 | Newington | Newington C'h | Screven | B. S. Lindsey | A. J. Carten | 2d Friday. |
| 504 | Coolidge | Coolidge | Thomas | I. M. Smith | G. Allen | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 505 | Truth | Scott | Johnson | Garland Carten | T. W. Belote | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 506 | Crest | Crest | Upson | Emory Long | J. C. Ellerbea | 2d Saturday. |
| 507 | Bogart | Bogart | Oconee | S. M. Wellborn | R. S. Thornton | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 508 | Zion | Mt. Zion | Carroll | H. M. Earnest | B. F. Robertson | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 509 | Eton | Eton | Murray | L. A. Hartley | J. H. Belk | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 510 | Daniell | Daniell | Whitfield | J. S. Richardson | K. W. Howell | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 511 | Chappell | Union Point | Green | W. J. Newsome | O. E. Scott | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 512 | Concord | Concord | Hall | D. J. Blackwell | B. M. Heard | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 513 | Davitt | Aragon | Polk | W. A. Lanham | W. C. Randall | 1st Friday, 3d Saturday. |
| 514 | Kelley | Denton | Jeff Davis | A. S. Minchew | J. T. McEachin | 4th Saturday. |
| 515 | Bethel | Bethel S. House | Turner | W. J. Beard | C. A. Willingham | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 516 | Cecil | Cecil | Berrien | J. T. Sharpe | D. J. Dickerson | 1st Saturday, 3d Tuesday. |
| 517 | Martin | Martin | Stephens | L. V. Matheson | W. A. Mitchell | 1st and 3d Monday. |
| 518 | Subigna | Subigna | Chattooga | George Morton | T. P. Johnston | Saturday before 2d Sunday. |
| 519 | Zingara | Zingara | Rockdale | J. C. Bowen | P. L. Graham | 2d Saturday, 4th Friday. |
| 520 | Beach | Beach | Ware | T. H. Calhoun | J. D. Sulser | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 521 | Midville | Midville | Burke | E. A. Harris | R. A. Thorn | Tuesday before full moon. |
| 522 | Winston | Winston | Douglas | W. K. Burnett | L. A. Thompson | Sat. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 523 | Battle Hill | Battle Hill | Fulton | M. M. Anderson | J. B. Roberts | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 524 | Omega | Omega | Tift | W. W. Baker | Miles Cowart | Thurs. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 525 | Brooklet | Brooklet | Bulloch | T. R. Bryan | J. W. Richardson | 2d Friday. |
| 526 | Tarrytown | Tarrytown | Montgomery | L. Williamson | J. T. Hammock | 2d Saturday. |
| 527 | Morris | Skeinash | Fannin | A. H. Morris | E. C. Garland | 3d Saturday. |

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES, COMPILED FROM RETURNS OF 1909.

| NO | NAME OF LODGE. | WHERE HELD | COUNTY | MASTER | SECRETARY | TIME OF MEETING |
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| 528 | Lovett | Lovett | Laurens | J. J. Wynn | O. W. Parker | Fri. before 2d and 4th Sun. |
| 529 | Spread | Spread | Jefferson | W. R. Hammett | J. T. Neal, Jr. | Tuesday after 2d Sudday. |
| 530 | Alma | Alma | Appling | D. E. McQuarie | F. C. Rozier | 1st and 2d Wednesday. |
| 531 | Mercer | Penfield | Green | W. A. Drayer | G. D. McMekin | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 532 | Lucile | Lucile | Early | R. R. McCleendon. | C. B. Johnson | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 533 | Red Hill | Red Hill | Laurens | T. W. Faircloth | T. F. Dixon | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 534 | Blaine | Blaine | Pickens | W. M. McLeod | Chas. H. Tolbert | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 535 | Collins | Collins | Tattnall | J. H. Williams | L. Williams | 2d Thursday. |
| 536 | Helena | Helena | Telfair | Yancey A. Harris | James D. Smith | 1st Sat., Tues. after 3d Sun. |
| 537 | John W. Akin | Taylorville | Bartow | J. M. Dorsey | W. D. Tripp | 1st and 3d Thursday. |
| 538 | O. W. T. Rogers | Rogers Acad'y | Madison | J. T. Sauls | C. E. Johns | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 539 | Bethlehem | Bethlehem | Randolph | J. I. Maddox | J. T. Jones | 2d Saturday. |
| 540 | Minter | Minter | Laurens | Lucius P. Farmer | H. E. Davis | 2d and 4th Friday. |
| 541 | Newton. | Newton | Baker | J. R. Harper | V. H. Newnan | 3d Saturday. |
| 542 | Sweet Gum | Sweet Gum | Fannin | R. A. Kelley | V. H. Halsey | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 543 | Panthersville | Panthersville | DeKalb | Y. C. Givens | Chas. J. Parham | 2d and 4th Tuesday. |
| 544 | Elm City | LaGrange | Troup | J. S. Gufford | J. A. Clements | 2d and 4th Monday. |
| 545 | Thelma | Town's | Telfair | T. L. Roberts | P. G. Craven | 2d and 4th Thursday. |
| 546 | Sackville | Sackville | Carroll | J. B. Head | E. G. Gilmore. | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 547 | Milner | Milner | Pike | J. D. Anchors | | |
| 548 | Haddock | Haddock | Jones | W. P. Williams | | |
| 549 | Grayson | Grayson | Gwinnett | W. R. Lake | John A. Tomberlin | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 550 | Abba | Abba | Irwin | R. C. Moseley | J. H. Hinson | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 551 | Bolingbroke. | Bolingbroke | Monroe | J. L. Reinhardt | R. M. Rose | 2d and 4th Saturday. |
| 552 | Jeffries | Colberth | Madison | J. M. Patten | L. D. Carter | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 553 | Rays' Mill | Rays' Mill | Berrien | A. A. Capel | M. N. Childs | 1st and 3d Tuesday. |
| 554 | Bronwood | Bronwood | Terrell | H. S. Fouts | | |
| 555 | Potts' Mountain | Pott's Mount'n | Dawson | J. T. Allen | C. C. Paramoure | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 556 | Lax | Lax | Coffee | E. Thomas | | |
| 557 | Bristol | Bristol | Pierce | | | |

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| 558 Pace | Pace | Newton | E. W. Estes | | |
| 559 Jones | Paradise | Jackson | L. D. Sims | | |
| 560 Chester | Chester | Dodge | Aaron M. Jessup | | |
| 561 Frank | Frank | Irwin | J. B. D. Paulk | | |
| 562 Ideal | Ideal | Macon | J. W. Nelson | | |
| 563 Finleyson | Finleyson | Pulaski | F. M. Chalker | | |
| 564 Hebron | Hebron | Banks | L. T. Wright | | |
| 565 Pine Stretch | Friendship | Heard | W. W. Stephens | | |
| 566 Campton | Campton | Walton | C. J. Thompson | | |
| 567 Ty Ty | Ty Ty | Tift | C. E. Walters | | 1st and 3d Friday. |
| 568 Carlton | Carlton | Madison | R. W. Huff | | |
| 569 Naylor | Naylor | Lowndes | G. E. Gupton | | Sat. before 1st and 3d Sun. |
| 570 Eudora | Eudora | Jasper | T. W. Dooly | | |
| 571 Nunez | Nunez | Emanuel | F. D. Wilkes | | |
| 572 Duck Town | Duck Town | Forsyth | S. W. Hawkins | | 1st and 3d Saturday. |
| 573 Poplar | Aaron | Bulloch | J. R. Gay | | 2d Tuesday. |
| 574 Metasville | Metasville | Wilkes | R. E. Smith | | |
| 575 Bay Branch | Bay Branch | Screven | B. F. Joyner | | Friday before full moon. |
| 576 Brinson | Brinson | Decatur | S. R. Brinson | | |
| 577 Center | Center | Jackson | J. G. Davis | | |
| 578 Juliette | Juliette | Monroe | John O'Rear | | |

GRAND SECRETARIES

AND REPRESENTATIVES

**GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND
BRITISH AMERICA.**

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Grand Secretaries</i> | <i>Residences</i> |
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| Alabama | George A. Beauchamp | Montgomery |
| Alberta | G. McDonald | Calgary |
| Arizona | George J. Roskrue | Tucson |
| Arkansas | Fay Hempstead | Little Rock |
| British Columbia | Robert E. Brett | Victoria |
| California | Geo. Johnson | San Francisco |
| Canada | John H. Mason | Hamilton |
| Colorado | Chas. H. Jacobson | Denver |
| Connecticut | Frank W. Haven | Hartford |
| Costa Rica | Edmund A. Osbourn | San Jose |
| Cuba | C. G. Charles | Havana |
| Delaware | Benj. F. Bartram | Wilmington |
| District of Columbia | Arvine W. Johnston | Washington |
| Florida | W. P. Webster | Jacksonville |
| Georgia | William A. Wolihin | Macon |
| Idaho | Theo W. Randall | Boise City |
| Illinois | Isaac Cutter | Camp Point |
| Indiana | Calvin W. Prather | Indianapolis |
| Indian Territory | Joseph S. Morrow | Atoka |
| Iowa | Newton R. Parvin | Cedar Rapids |
| Kansas | Albert K. Wilson | Topeka |
| Kentucky | Henry B. Grant | Louisville |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | Stephen Berry | Portland |
| Manitoba | James A. Ovas | Winnipeg |
| Maryland | Jacob H. Medairy | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts | Thomas W. Davis | Belmont |
| Michigan | Lon B. Winsor | Reed City |
| Minnesota | John Fishel | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | Frederick Speed | Vicksburg |
| Missouri | John R. Pearson | St. Louis |
| Montana | Cornelius Hedges | Helena |
| Nebraska | Francis E. White | Omaha |
| Nevada | Chauncey N. Noteware | Carson |
| New Brunswick | J. T. Hartt | St. John |
| New Hampshire | Frank D. Woodbury | Concord |
| New Jersey | Benjamin F. Wakefield | Trenton |
| New Mexico | Alpheus A. Keen | Albuquerque |
| New York | Edward M. L. Ehlers | New York |
| North Carolina | John C. Drewry | Raleigh |
| North Dakota | Frank J. Thompson | Fargo |

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| Nova Scotia..... | Thomas Mowbray..... | Halifax |
| New Zealand..... | Malcolm Niccol..... | Wellington |
| Ohio..... | J. H. Bromwell..... | Cincinnati |
| Oklahoma..... | James S. Hunt..... | Guthrie |
| Oregon..... | James F. Robinson..... | Eugene |
| Pennsylvania..... | Wm. A. Sinn..... | Philadelphia |
| Prince Edward's Island..... | Neil McKelvie..... | Summerside |
| Puerto Rico..... | Frederick R. Yurmet..... | Puerta de Tierra |
| Quebec..... | Will H. Whyte..... | Montreal |
| Rhode Island..... | S. P. Williams..... | Providence |
| South Carolina..... | J. T. Barron..... | Columbia |
| South Dakota..... | George A. Pettigrew..... | Sioux Falls |
| Saskatchewan..... | John D. Shaw..... | Regina |
| Tennessee..... | John B. Garrett..... | Nashville |
| Texas..... | John Watson..... | Waco |
| Utah..... | Christopher Diehl..... | Salt Lake City |
| Vermont..... | H. H. Ross..... | Burlington |
| Virginia..... | Geo. W. Carrington..... | Richmond |
| Valley of Mexico..... | W. Thompson..... | Mexico |
| Washington..... | Horace W. Tyler..... | Tacoma |
| West Virginia..... | Hiram R. Howard..... | Point Pleasant |
| Wisconsin..... | Wm. W. Perry..... | Milwaukee |
| Wyoming..... | William L. Kuykendall..... | Saratoga |
| Western Australia..... | J. D. Stephenson..... | Perth |

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES, GRAND ORIENTS AND SUPREME COUNCILS.

WITH NAME AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

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| ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Supremo Cogsojey Grand Oriente of | Otto E. Recke | Buenos Ayres |
| BELGIUM—Grand Orient of | Rain Nedgrot | Brussels |
| BELGIUM—Supreme Counsel of | Leopold Riche | Brussels |
| BRAZIL—Grande Oriente e Supremo Conselho of | Antonio P. Mendez | Rio de Janeiro |
| COLUMBIA—Supremo Consejo y Grande Oriente of the United States of | Damaro Zapota | Carthagena |
| ISLAND OF CUBA—Gran Logia | Aurelio Miranda | Havana |
| EGYPT—Grand Oriente of | Francisco F. Oddi | Alexandria |
| ENGLAND—Grand Lodge of | E. Letchworth, F. S. A. | London |
| GERMANY— | William Wald | Berlin |
| IRELAND— | Henry F. Flavelle, D. O. S. | Dublin |
| ITALY—Grand Oriente of | Achille Ballori | Rome |
| NEW SOUTH WALES—United Grand of | Arthur H. Bray | Sydney |
| PERU—Grand Logia of Republic of | J. Arthur Ego-Aguirre | Lima |
| PRUSSIA—Grosse National Mutter Lodge der Preussischen Staaten | E. T. P. Meyerhoff | Berlin |
| PRUSSIA—Grosse Loge Von Pressen, Royal York zur Freundschaft. | Carl August Bouche | Berlin |
| SCOTLAND—Grand Lodge of | David Reid | Edinburgh |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA—Grand Lodge of | James H. Cunningham | Adelaide |
| SPAIN—Grande Oriente legal y regular of | Joaquin Reiz | Madrid |
| VENEZUELA—Grand Oriente Nacional of the United States of | Jose Alovzua | Caracas |
| VICTORIA—United Grand Lodge of | John Braim | Melbourne |

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR
THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA.**

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> | <i>Residences</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Alabama | James W. Taylor | Luthersville |
| Alberta | A. Q. Moody | Boston |
| Arkansas | J. A. Longley | Dalton |
| Arizona | D. W. Simmons | Rome |
| British Columbia | I. Steinheimer | Atlanta |
| California | R. H. Taylor | Griffin |
| Canada | R. A. Henderson | Atlanta |
| Colorado | E. H. Robertson | Dallas |
| Connecticut | George M. Napier | Monroe |
| Cuba | Julius L. Mack | Macon |
| Coahulia | Julius L. Brown | Atlanta |
| Costa Rica | Thomas H. Young | Fairburn |
| Delaware | H. L. Culbertson | Amity |
| District of Columbia | Oscar E. Dooly | Macon |
| England | Max Meyerhardt | Rome |
| Egypt | A. J. Baxter | High Shoals |
| Florida | W. E. Smith | Attapulgas |
| Germany | R. I. Battle | Pine Log |
| Idaho | J. J. Nunnally | Monroe |
| Illinois | William H. Chaffee | Tallapoosa |
| Indiana | James L. Mayson | Atlanta |
| Indian Territory | James M. Rushin | Boston |
| Ireland | W. A. Wolihin | Macon |
| Italy | J. D. Hamrick | Carrollton |
| Kansas | Henry Banks | LaGrange |
| Louisiana | Clifford L. Smith | LaGrange |
| Maine | W. B. Kent | Mt. Vernon |
| Manitoba | J. M. Levy | Covington |
| Maryland | J. S. Gaulding | Tifton |
| Michigan | U. V. Whipple | Cordele |
| Minnesota | James L. Gilmore | Lela |
| Mississippi | W. F. Dorsey | Athens |
| Missouri | T. W. Dooley | Eudora |
| Montana | M. McCormack | Sparks |
| Nebraska | W. B. Haygood | Farmington |
| Nevada | S. Schwarzweias | Waynesboro |
| New Brunswick | W. G. England | Cedartown |
| New Hampshire | F. M. Chalker | Hawkinsville |
| New Jersey | W. L. Selman | Floyd Springs |
| New Mexico | W. J. Nunnally | Chickamauga |
| New South Wales | L. A. Perdue | Newnan |

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| New York | Robert L. Colding | Savannah |
| North Carolina | Thomas H. Jeffries | Atlanta |
| North Dakota | B. H. Patterson | Baxley |
| Nova Scotia | E. J. Fuller | Dublin |
| New Zealand | W. B. Martin | Handy |
| Ohio | James B. Clements | Irwinville |
| Oregon | Jabez Galt | Canton |
| Oklahoma | J. B. Roberts | Atlanta |
| Prince Edward's Island | L. J. Blalock | Americus |
| Quebec | Y. A. Wright | Jackson |
| Queensland | L. P. Gaines | Kingston |
| Rhode Island | W. B. Chapman | Macon |
| Saskatchewan | Jno. B. Clarke | Eastman |
| Saxony | J. E. Redwine | Gainesville |
| Scotland | Joseph C. Greenfield | Atlanta |
| South Carolina | L. C. Hayne | Augusta |
| South Dakota | Chas. N. King | Spring Place |
| Western Australia | A. G. Villee | Waycross |
| Tamaulipas | J. R. Stephens | Hartwell |
| Tennessee | S. E. Berry | Dalton |
| Texas | F. O. Miller | Fort Valley |
| Utah | Chas. P. Gordon | Dalton |
| Valley of Mexico | J. E. White | Thomason |
| Vermont | Paul F. Akin | Cartersville |
| Victoria | R. E. Edwards | Douglasville |
| Virginia | Jno. R. Wilkinson | Atlanta |
| Washington | R. D. Murrell | Aikerton |
| West Virginia | Jno. E. McClelland | Stone Mountain |
| Wisconsin | P. S. Burney | Madison |

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.**

| <i>Grand Lodges</i> | <i>Representatives</i> | <i>Residences</i> |
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| Alabama | James A. Bilbo | Gadsden |
| Arkansas | Geo. Thornburg | Little Rock |
| Arizona | Thomas M. Bunch | |
| British Columbia | Edgar Crow Baker | Victoria |
| Brazil | Lueiz de Carvallie | Mellow |
| California | William Sims | Winters |
| Canada | W. J. Wright | Pembroke, Ont |
| Colorado | Cornelius J. Hart | Pueblo |
| Connecticut | Geo. A. Kies | Norwich |
| Colon and Cuba | Juan Alcina | Havana |
| Delaware | John W. Causey | Millford |
| District of Columbia | Harrison Dingham | Washington |
| England | Brackston Baker | London |
| Egypt | Idris Bey Raghel | Cairo |
| Florida | H. W. Long | Ocala |
| Idaho | A. Hass | Silver City |
| Illinois | J. A. Delancey | Centralia |
| Indiana | Presley Smith | Paragon |
| Indian Territory | J. S. Murrow | Atoka, C. N. |
| Ireland | Thomas Butler | Dublin |
| Kansas | Harry E. Best | Manhattan |
| Lousiana | Mark Quayles | New Orleans |
| Maine | Bial F. Bradbury | Norway |
| Maryland | G. Henry Pfeil | Baltimore |
| Michigan | Edward S. Parks | East Seginaw |
| Minnesota | W. B. Patton | |
| Mississippi | Robert B. Brannin | Aberdeen |
| Manitoba | Thomas Lewis Horton | Gladstone |
| Missouri | A. M. Crow | Kansas City |
| Montana | W. H. Holloway | Bozeman |
| Nebraska | Edwin F. Warren | Nebraska City |
| Nevada | Jason S. Burlingame | Carson City |
| New Zealand | George Fowldes | Auckland |
| New Hampshire | Chas. C. Haynes | Manchester |
| New Jersey | Wm. D. Rutan | Newark |
| New Brunswick | James D. Short | St. John's |
| New South Wales | E. Scholes | |
| New York | Seymour H. Durkee | New York City |
| North Carolina | H. J. Lovick | Newbern |
| North Dakota | Louis B. Hanna | |
| Nova Scotia | Robert J. Wilson | Halifax |
| New Mexico | W. Harroum | Santa Fe |

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| Ohio | Geo. D. Copeland | Marion |
| Oregon | Wm. Armstrong | Salem |
| Prince Edward's Island | Walter P. Dowell | Charleston |
| Quebec | Geo. H. Tyler | Three Rivers |
| Queensland | E. Dening Day | Brisbane |
| Rhode Island | Joshua M. M. Aderman | Providence |
| Saskatchewan | A. W. Argue | Grenfell |
| South Carolina | Wm. A. Giles | Grantville |
| South Dakota | Fred J. McLaren | Flandreau |
| Tennessee | M. F. Flenniken | |
| Texas | Ingham S. Roberts | |
| Utah | Jesse M. Smith | Provo |
| Victoria | E. R. Peacock | Melbourne |
| Virginia | Chas. A. Taylor | Richmond |
| Vermont | E. P. Fewsberry | Woodstock |
| Valley of Mexico | Chas. H. Hughes | Mexico City |
| Washington | Edward F. Waggoner | Spokane |
| West Virginia | J. A. Bryan | Fairmont |
| Wisconsin | W. F. Grunewald | Oshkosh |
| Western Australia | Andrew C. McCallum | Perth |
| Scotland | Robert McFarland | Dunbarton |

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens,
and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Georgia:*

We herewith submit our Ninth Annual Report on Correspondence:

LIST OF GRAND LODGES REVIEWED:

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| Alabama | Nevada |
| Arkansas | New Brunswick |
| California | New Jersey |
| Colorado | New Mexico |
| Connecticut | New South Wales |
| Delaware | New York |
| District of Columbia | New Zealand |
| Florida | North Carolina |
| Georgia | North Dakota |
| Idaho | Nova Scotia |
| Illinois | Ohio |
| Indiana | Pennsylvania |
| Iowa | Prince Edward's Island |
| Kansas | Quebec |
| Kentucky | Queensland |
| Louisiana | Scotland |
| Maine | South Australia |
| Maryland | South Carolina |
| Massachusetts | South Dakota |
| Michigan | Tennessee |
| Minnesota | Texas |
| Mississippi | Utah |
| Missouri | Vermont |
| Montana | Virginia |
| Nebraska | Washington |
| Nevada | Western Australia |
| New Brunswick | West Virginia |
| New Jersey | Wisconsin |
| New Mexico | Wyoming |
| New South Wales | |
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| Wyoming | |

ALABAMA—1908.

Eighty-eighth Annual.

December 1.

MONTGOMERY.

Two Special Communications were held, to pay the last tribute of respect to distinguished brethren: Joseph H. Edwards, Senior Grand Warden, and John G. Harris, Past Grand Master.

The initial page is occupied by a fine portrait of Grand Master Hugh S. D. Mallory.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Master; five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 391 Lodges.

Brother James A. Bilbro, the Representative of Georgia, answered at roll-call.

The exordium of the Grand Master's address contains inspiration for high attainments:

Our Order has greatly grown in numbers and influence. Taking note that its tenets are all good and are as refined gold; that it teaches the fundamental moral doctrines, without which society cannot exist; that the common Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, and the obligations, duties and privileges flowing therefrom, are held by us as most precious truths, and that the numbers of our fraternity endeavor to exemplify these truths in their lives, and are good citizens, and useful men, obeying the law and exercising charity, we have the confidence and admiration of the people of the country, and are esteemed as one of the potent factors for good in society. To increasingly deserve this confidence should ever be our aim, and we should be always thankful that our Great Master has helped us to be true to the trusts He has committed to us.

Seventeen dispensations were issued to form new Lodges.

Thus the Grand Master speaks of official visitations:

It was my good fortune to make quite a number of official visits, in connection with Masonic Conferences, installation of officers, dedication of Masonic halls, laying corner-stones of public edifices, and to Subordinate Lodges. I was much gratified to observe the Masonic spirit evident on these occasions, and the striking personality of the brethren, showing that our membership is drawn from the best of our citizenship. It is not strange that this should be the case, in view of the lofty principles taught by our Order, and the high standard of life upheld by us.

We reproduce some of the sixty-seven decisions rendered:

2. On removal of a Worshipful Master from this Grand Jurisdiction

a vacancy in the office is thereby created. In such case, no dispensation can issue to fill the vacancy, but the Senior Warden must occupy the East, and in his absence, the Junior Warden fills the station.

3. The fact that a profane has no settled home, but is a traveling man, does not constitute an exception to the rule requiring twelve months residence in this Grand Jurisdiction next preceding petition for initiation.

No matter how much a man travels, there is some place which he calls home.

6. At a Masonic burial, the Worshipful Master being present, but new in the work, requested a Past Master present to preside. This did not constitute the presiding Past Master, the Worshipful Master pro tem. The Worshipful Master being present, the Lodge and the meeting were under his control, and the Past Master was in the East merely by courtesy. The minutes of the Lodge meeting should show that the Worshipful Master was present, but it was entirely proper to recite that the brother Past Master by request of the Worshipful Master presided and performed the burial service.

The Lodge was at labor, and the fact that he presided at the funeral services, shows that he was Worshipful Master pro tem, although he occupied the position by invitation of the real Worshipful Master.

16. A Lodge may elect a member thereof to the office of Worshipful Master who has filled the station of Warden, either in this Grand Jurisdiction or in any other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction.

In Georgia it is not necessary for a member to have held the office of Warden, in order to be elected Master.

19. The newly elected Master of a Lodge declined to qualify or act. The newly elected Wardens were duly installed. Thereafter the Lodge applied to the Grand Master for dispensation to elect a Worshipful Master. Held,

The Grand Master was without authority to grant the dispensation. The dispensation might have issued on proper application, prior to the installation of the Wardens, but the Wardens having been installed, the Senior Warden would fill the East until next regular election of officers, and at Lodge meetings he would call on some brother to occupy the West for that meeting.

20. The Worshipful Master in appointing committees of investigation on petitions for initiation or affiliation, should not withhold from the knowledge of the Lodge, the names of such committee. The Worshipful Master acts for the Lodge in appointing these committees, and the Lodge has the right to know the names of those appointed.

38. A stiffness in limb which renders one incapable of practicing and teaching the ritual, disqualifies a profane for membership.

If, however, the stiffness is such that it will not interfere with his performance of the work and compliance with the physical requirements of the three degrees, it will not disqualify.

The foregoing is strictly in accordance with Georgia law.

42. On the annual election of officers of a Lodge, it appeared that certain members had prepared ballots containing the names of those they favored for the several offices. These ballots they distributed on the election of each officer with the request to vote the ballot. This was unmasonic, and if the Worshipful Master had become aware of it, he should have prevented it. It is not unmasonic for brethren, in fraternal spirit, to confer with each other in selecting the officers of the Lodge, and it is entirely proper to do so, but the method pursued at the election referred to, goes away beyond the true Masonic limits, and is to be condemned.

43. A dimitted Mason residing in our jurisdiction may apply to and affiliate with a Lodge in another, and is not required to obtain the consent of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides before doing so.

44. A profane residing in Alabama, about six miles from the Georgia line, petitioned a Georgia Lodge for membership. He was aware of the fact that the Alabama Lodge, near which he resided, held Masonic jurisdiction over him. The Georgia Lodge elected and conferred the degrees on him. The Georgia Lodge applied to the Alabama Lodge to waive jurisdiction, but elected and conferred the degrees on the profane before obtaining answer from the Alabama Lodge. Held,

1. The Alabama Lodge could not have waived its jurisdiction.

2. The profane is an illegally made Mason under the Masonic law of this jurisdiction, and cannot be recognized as a Mason here.

The brother is in a bad fix. He will have to move to Georgia to get the benefit of his Masonry.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$9,900.

Receipts of Widows' and Orphans' Home, \$20,654.59.

Action on the requests of the Grand Lodges of Paraguay, Guatemala, and Chihuahua for recognition was postponed, failure to act being based on lack of information. The petition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was denied outright, on the ground that the Grand Orient was not a sovereign Grand Body.

Correct, Brother Titcomb. Your mental equipoise is not to be questioned. In other words, your "head is level."

Brother Ben. M. Jacobs, from the Committee on Masonic Home, made an encouraging report. Available cash on hand, \$22,797.64, besides pledges to the amount of \$13,350.

Some action was taken on the question of perpetual juris-

diction. The Committee, to which matter was referred, recommended that the time be limited to three years.

A beautiful silver service was presented to Grand Chaplain, Rev. William C. Bledsoe.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the ordering, soliciting, printing, circulating or distributing of any parody of the esoteric work of Masonry for advertising purposes be declared a Masonic offense and any Master Mason so offending shall be subject to discipline.

Resolved, That any Lodge having jurisdiction of such offense which fails to take any action thereon, may subject itself to discipline.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother W. Y. Titcomb makes the report in his usual vigorous style.

Nearly five pages are devoted to an analysis of Georgia affairs.

Of Grand Master Meyerhardt, he says: "The choice diction of Grand Master Meyerhardt's address impels us to dub him Chysostom the golden mouthed," and further he says: "The conclusion of the Grand Master's address is replete with wholesome suggestions eloquently expressed."

The whole of the 269 pages contained in Brother Titcomb's report makes good reading. May he live many years to bless the Masons of Alabama and the world with his wise and courteous criticisms.

Most Worshipful Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Geo. A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA—1908.

Third Annual.

May 27.

EDMONTON.

The minutes of three Special Communications are recorded: At Calgary, to adopt the new Constitution; at Edmonton, to lay the corner-stone of the Alexander Taylor Public School; at Pincher Creek, to dedicate the new Masonic building erected by Spitzie Lodge.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful

Hadley C. Taylor, Grand Master; two Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of nineteen Lodges.

Dispensations were issued as follows: Thirteen to form new Lodges; fourteen to wear regalia at divine service; five to hold installations out of time; one to act on the petition of a "Lewis;" two to confer degrees within prescribed time; three to act on petition with insufficient evidence; one to hold meeting on top of Cascade Mountain.

Of petitioners, one minus left hand and one with stiff knee were received, while one minus right hand was rejected.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports a percentage of gain reaching nearly thirty per cent.

He exhorts the brethren to be exceedingly particular in the reception of new members:

Each member of the committee should inquire for himself, not merely whether the candidate bears a good character in the community wherein he lives, but what is his occupation, reputable or infamous, his habits, his intelligence, his disposition, his private as well as his public walk, and on this and any additional information like this derived from such an inquiry, they should found their report.

Receipts of the Grand Treasurer, \$3,289.55.

Three Lodges were constituted under charter.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 2,225; net increase, 555.

Most Worshipful Brother G. McDonald, Past Grand Master, was presented with a handsome chain collar.

Lethbridge was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Most Worshipful G. H. Hogbin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George Macdonald, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA—1908.

Twenty-seventh Annual.

November 17.

PRESCOTT.

A portrait of Grand Master Cyrus G. Jones appears in the Proceedings.

Present: Most Worshipful Cyrus G. Jones, Grand Master; nine Past Grand Masters; the Representatives of eighteen Lodges, and Brother Thomas S. Bunch, the Representative of Georgia.

This from the Grand Master's address :

Our Lodges are all in a strong healthy condition, as is shown by the gain in membership, which gain for the year has been 125 members.

Let me admonish the officers and members at this time that in selecting new material for membership, look it over well, see that it will add strength to your Lodge, and honor to the fraternity, for as you know that small sentinel of the ballot box, "the cube," is ever ready to perform its function, and by a careful use of it, the high standard of our Order is maintained, for to the world at large our fraternity is judged by the personnel of its membership.

The Grand Master decided it would be good mental exercise for the brethren to search out the answers to their queries in the written law of the jurisdiction, and hence no decisions are reported.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,122.50.

Total resources of Grand Lodge, \$23,112.95.

Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$7,112.95.

Brother Louis J. Owen, Grand Orator, thus concludes his oration :

There has been a great reform in our country during the past several years, and to me the indications are fast increasing for further reform, and it is my sincere wish that Masonry will be a leading factor in this movement, and that we, the Masons of Arizona, represented by this Grand Lodge, advance in truth, honor and morality in greater proportion than we increase in numbers, and thereby increase our fitness as living stones for that spiritual building, that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

The time of meeting in Annual Communication was changed to second Tuesday in February.

The following resolution was adopted :

That no intoxicating wines or liquors be allowed to be used as a beverage at any banquet, luncheon, or other entertainment held by the Lodges of this jurisdiction within any Lodge room, under the control of any Lodge of this jurisdiction.

A card system was adopted whereby annually will be issued, stamped with the seal of the Grand Lodge, cards certifying to the good standing of the members, whose names are written therein.

Tucson was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Committee on Correspondence was granted further

time to report on the petition of the Grand Lodge "Cosmos" of Chihuahua, Mexico, for recognition.

Most Worshipful Fletcher M. Doan, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George J. Roskrue, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1908.

Sixty-sixth Annual.

November 17.

LITTLE ROCK.

An Emergent Communication was held at Prairie Grove for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Southern Presbyterian Church building.

A well executed picture of Grand Master E. A. McCulloch graces the Proceedings.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful M. W. Greeson, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 451 Lodges. Georgia was represented as usual by Brother George Thornburg.

According to the Grand Master's address, Masonry in Arkansas had not suffered in proportion with other interests:

The beginning of the year we are now closing, found our country in the midst of a financial panic and all lines of business paralyzed. This has continued with more or less severity; yet, Masonry in Arkansas has not suffered. As individual Masons and as Lodges, we have quietly moved along, prompted by a proper spirit, hence, little or nothing has occurred to mar the peace and harmony of the craft.

We quote some of the twenty-seven decisions recorded:

The Worshipful Master having removed from the jurisdiction of his Lodge, does not create such a vacancy that the Senior Warden becomes the Master, and amenable only to the Grand Lodge. If guilty of un-masonic conduct, he may be tried the same as if the Master still resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that all of the following decisions be stricken except the first sentence:

A willful non-affiliate who died, had no claim on the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided. The Lodge may, however, say whether the non-affiliation was for good cause, and whether funeral honors should be accorded. The Lodge may also, in its discretion, allow and pay the cost of burial.

If he is "willful non-affiliate" we fail to see how the words "for good cause" could come in.

Question. Is there any way to prevent a brother from black-balling a good man when he states that he does so for personal reasons?

Answer. The right to use the black-ball cannot be questioned, otherwise we could not have harmony. It is certainly not only poor judgment for a brother to say he used the black-ball, and for personal reasons, but he may so declare it as to be guilty of Masonic offense.

Question. Where the Master in open Lodge charges a brother with Masonic offense—drunkenness—he is duly notified by the Secretary and appears at the next meeting of the Lodge and pleads guilty, but the Lodge fails to vote the infliction of any punishment, what is to be done?

Answer. The Master may administer such reprimand as he deems proper, and of course any member of the Lodge may appeal the case to the Grand Lodge.

Question. Has one who has been a willful non-affiliate for thirty-eight years any claim on the Lodge where he lives and should he be permitted to affiliate?

Answer. Non-affiliated Masons have no claims on Lodges where they reside. When, however, they petition for affiliation they then cease to be willful non-affiliates and it is for the Lodge to say whether the applicant is otherwise worthy and should be received.

Question. Should a brother who dies after his dimit and petition for affiliation have been received and referred be given Masonic burial, or is he a willful non-affiliate?

Answer. No; he is not a willful non-affiliate after he petitions the Lodge, and if otherwise worthy, should be accorded Masonic burial.

Under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, work in the third degree was exemplified.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$19,372.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Orient of Greece, presided over by Brother Nicholas Burbobly.

No action was taken on petitions for recognition from the Grand Orients of Guatemala, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, and Chihuahua, Republic of Mexico.

The sum of one hundred dollars was allowed for clerk hire in the Grand Secretary's office.

The appendix contains an interesting account of the coronation of Brother Fay Hempstead, of Arkansas, at Medinah Temple, Chicago, as Poet Laureate of Masonry. Delightful music and stirring speeches were included in the program.

Most Worshipful Edgar A. McCulloch, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1909.

Thirty-eighth Annual.

June 17.

VANCOUVER.

Present: Most Worshipful W. K. Houston, Grand Master, and the Representatives of forty-five Lodges.

Three fine portraits adorn the Proceedings; Alexander R. Milne, Grand Master 1887-8; John S. Clute, Grand Master 1889; William K. Houston, Grand Master 1908.

Three Special Communications were held; at New Westminster, to attend the funeral of Brother Robert B. Kelley, Past Senior Grand Warden; at Nelson, to lay the cornerstone of the New Public School building; at Fernie, to dedicate the new Masonic Hall.

The Grand Master's address is optimistic in tone:

It is with the deepest gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, who alone operates upon the hearts and guides the destinies of men, as well as institutions, that I am able to report to the brethren assembled in the Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, that at the present there is not a cloud on our Masonic horizon. Peace, good-will and harmony are the prevailing notes within our borders.

On more than one occasion clouds have arisen, but one by one they have dispersed and disappeared before the genial influence of well directed counsel, aided by the all prevailing power of that charity which never faileth.

Seven new Lodges were formed under dispensation.

We reproduce the six decisions rendered:

Question. Can a Lodge receive an application from a person who has lost index finger of right hand at the second joint? Answer. No.

Question. Can a Lodge receive an application from a person who has lost the index finger of the right hand? Answer. No.

Question. Can a Lodge receive an application from a person who has lost the third finger of the left hand at the second joint? Answer. Yes.

Question. Can a Lodge grant a dimit to a brother who has signed an application for a dispensation to a new Lodge? Answer. Yes.

Question. Can a Lodge receive an application from a person who has only the first finger and thumb on right hand? Answer. No.

The foregoing were all easy.

Many pleasant and profitable official visits were made.

This under the head of general matters:

Finding that in many instances that part of the installation ceremony which requires the examination of a Worshipful Master-elect, was more honored in the breach than the observance, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular letter drawing the attention of Installing Masters to said portion and requesting them to see that the Worshipful Master-elect was well-skilled and duly qualified before proceeding to installation. Although not an advocate for mere lip perfection, or mere external qualifications, I am strongly of the opinion that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, and I believe that every brother who aspires to the position of Worshipful Master should make diligent preparation for discharging the duties of that high office intelligently.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$20,632.66.

The Grand Secretary's report shows, chartered Lodges, forty-seven; total membership, 4,158; increase in membership, 402.

Brother H. G. Fiennes Clinton, Grand Chaplain, delivered an eloquent address on the subject of "Prayer." Here is an extract:

What do we gain by prayer? It does not, indeed, appeal to the worldly-minded. But there is in Masons the serious spirit, that which we recognize in the moral meaning of the implements of Masonry; the thought of death and resurrection brought home to us so forcibly in the third degree; the shortness of life, the end thereof. And if we would cultivate the sense of the true relative values of earthly and heavenly things, be diligent in prayer.

Prayer also brings blessings to ourselves and families, peace and heavenly calm, and loving trust upon our heavenly Father.

And, lastly, prayer does increase in us those theological virtues that Masonry rightly places so high, Faith, Hope and Charity. Faith in God, as we learn to bring all to Him. Hope, as we remember His love, who is our Father and our Creator. Charity, as we are not only mindful of our brother's needs in our supplications to the Deity, but are also filled and refreshed with that love of God which is the foundation of all true love to man; that charity that never faileth. So, following the example of all good and true Masons, be ye also men of prayer.

Cranbrook was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith makes the report, and it is a good one.

Under Georgia for 1908, he says of Grand Master Jeffries:

In the work of his office, he displayed great earnestness, and, so far as can be judged from the printed record, great ability.

His pleasure is somewhat marred by the great number of miscellaneous dispensations issued.

Our brother must not forget that there are over 500 Lodges in Georgia.

He commends the reduction of our former large committees to a maximum of fifteen.

We quote from his conclusion :

In closing our report for the year there are two or three matters to which reference may be made.

One of them is the extraordinary action of the Grand Master of Mississippi in breaking off fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey because that Grand Lodge numbers among its constituents a Lodge composed of negroes. It comes as something of a shock, just now when the universality of Masonry is being so strongly insisted on, to learn that Masonry was never intended to include the negro. Fortunately, so far at least, no other Grand Lodge has followed Mississippi's lead—not even Texas, where, we are assured, no negro, no matter what Lodge he was made in, would be permitted even to visit a Lodge.

Neither would he be allowed to do so in Georgia. We suppose our Brother in British Columbia is not troubled with the subject of "Social equality."

Most Worshipful H. N. Rich, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—1908.

Fifty-ninth Annual.

October 13.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The frontispiece is a fine photogravure of Grand Master George M. Perine.

Present at the Annual Communication : Most Worshipful George M. Perine, Grand Master ; seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 283 Lodges.

These inspiring words are found in the Grand Master's able address :

A true man is himself a temple, a radiating center of influence that tints the lives that come into its light. We have heard that Masonry is grand because it is old; not so. Masonry is old because it is grand. What is truth is effective, generative, makes for itself room, food and allies. All truth and moral force is a positive good ; it goes out from you whether you will or not, and profits me, whom you never thought of.

Masonry has withstood the ravages of time, and unrelenting crusades against it, because it was founded upon a philosophic basis. It has noble, grand ends to accomplish. Masonry is that Imperial Institution whose example has actually called into being almost every other benevolent order which exists today; it is that imperishable institution which takes by the hand the brother who has fallen in this battle of life, raises him to his feet again, gently brushes from his brow the dust of defeat, and encourages him to go forth again to the conflict with renewed strength, and a firmer determination to accomplish something in life.

Eleven new Lodges were formed under dispensation. Net gain during the year 2,543. Total membership 38,669.

The Grand Master received a letter stating that a resident of Cavite, P. I., desired to affiliate with Cavite Lodge No. 350. He held documents showing that he had been a member of Lodge El Porvenir in Madrid, Grand Orient of Spain. The Grand Master, having no knowledge as to the Masonic standing of the Grand Orient of Spain, refused the application.

Balance on hand and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$264,-978.25. Grand Lodge assets, \$246,793.96. Cash in Masonic Home Fund, \$38,726.91.

Concerning the status of Masonry in the Philippine Islands, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the several Lodges now working under charters from this Grand Lodge, should take immediate steps to organize a Grand Lodge of Masons for the territory of the Philippine Islands.

That the matter of the regularity of Spanish Masonry or Masonry in the Philippine Islands be and the same is hereby referred to such Grand Lodge, when so organized, for its action; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this report, together with the data herewith attached, be furnished the several Lodges now chartered by this Grand Lodge and working in the Philippine Islands.

The resolution heretofore adopted restricting the report of the Committee on Correspondence to fifty pages was rescinded.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence heartily approved a communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee condemning the use of cipher rituals.

A resolution referred to the Committee forbidding the use

of any spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors at Masonic banquets was reported back without action.

Brother Jacob Nicto, Grand Orator, delivered a scholarly address without notes.

By resolution, the Grand Lodge became a subscriber to the "Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada."

The Finance Committee recommended that the per capita tax for the maintenance of the Masonic Home be reduced to 75 cents. The recommendation was rejected, and the tax remains at one dollar.

A resolution was adopted requiring all Lodges to show a visitor, on demand, the charter of said Lodge before subjecting him to examination.

A resolution requiring every Master Mason to stand an examination in a catechism to be prepared by the Grand Lecturer was condemned.

A resolution on electioneering also failed of approval as being too indefinite.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Alonzo J. Monroe makes a report covering 115 pages and including Georgia for 1906 and 1907.

In both years he compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt, and quotes from his address.

The following from Brother Monroe's conclusion should receive the serious consideration of Masons everywhere:

The writer believes that the Reports on Correspondence justify the expense of making and printing them, speaking generally and not referring to the present report. The methods and procedure of Masonic organization and Masonic charity and fellowship are not yet perfect. Upon the improvement of these things are focussed in the many Jurisdictions some of the brightest minds of the world. Advances are constantly being made in administrative methods and a wider spirit of Brotherhood, in some jurisdiction, worthy of adoption in others. The Correspondence Reports helps to bring these improvements to the knowledge and consideration of the brethren everywhere. They serve to protect, also, the ancient fabric of Masonry from illy considered innovations, ignorantly proposed or hastily adopted. So too, they assist in uniting the whole body of Masonry by promoting uniformity in methods and regulations in the different jurisdictions and bringing all Masons into closer fellowship.

No one can read the Proceedings of the doings of Masonic Brethren in all parts of the world, without being both exalted and humbled; exalted in feeling and in his respect for common human nature by the evidence of noble aspirations and high achievements by Masons in different lands, and humbled by the thought of his own failure to live up to Masonic ideals. For as Hamlet says, "Use every man after his desserts and which of us would 'scape whipping." These reports are one of the links in the chain of Masonic influence by which men living in widely separated countries, and having different national prejudices are bound in unity and concord by the Golden Bands of Brotherhood. Contemplating this Grand Fraternity, having for its object the elevation of man, we cannot but exclaim: "Hail! Masonry, Hail! Offspring of the Divine in man! Evangel of Peace and Enemy of War! Proceed on down the ages. The noblest men of earth will acclaim your glorious worth and pay homage at your shrine. Hail! and again, Hail!"

Most Worshipful Oscar Lawler, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John Whicher, Grand Secretary.

CANADA—1908.

Fifty-third Annual.

July 15.

NIAGARA FALLS.

Present: Most Worshipful John R. Reid, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, the Representatives of 320 Lodges, and Brother W. R. Whyte, the Representative of Georgia.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Grand Master Augustus T. Freed, clothed in the gorgeous robes of his office.

Five Special Communications were held to lay cornerstones: At Elmvale, of the Methodist Church; at Windsor, of the Anglican Church; at Durham, of St. Paul's Anglican Church; at Kemptville, of the Leslie Memorial Hall; at Meaford, of the Methodist Church.

At the opening ceremonies of the Annual Communication the Grand Lodge Historian disclosed some interesting facts:

The gavel which the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master has just used to open Grand Lodge has some historic value, and is of special interest to you, my brethren, at this the meeting of Grand Lodge held here in the old Niagara District.

A hundred and sixteen years ago Gen. John Graves Simcoe inaugurated the first government of the Province of Upper Canada at the old town of Niagara, fourteen miles from where we now meet. He came from Exeter, in Devon, England, and this gavel was that used on the

night of his initiation and passing in Union Lodge, Exeter, in December, 1773, and at his raising in January, 1774. Little did Brother Simcoe think, when he resided at the old town of Niagara, 116 years later the gavel that was used when he was made a Mason would be used again at a Grand Lodge in his old province, at which 800 of the brethren attended.

The address of the Grand Master discloses prosperous conditions:

The year which has elapsed since the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge has been one of continued prosperity. There has been a gratifying increase in our membership; and the income of Grand Lodge has been greater than in any former year. But above all, we have reason to be grateful for the peace which has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction and the harmony that has reigned in our Councils.

On the 31st of May, 1907, there were on our rolls 39,795 Masons in good standing. During the twelve months about 2,700 were initiated and 600 affiliated—a gross gain of 3,300. Losses by death were about 200, by suspension 215, and by resignation 258, or 673 in all. So that our total membership at the end of our year was about 42,422.

Four special dispensations were issued for “Consecrations” and twelve for “dedications,” while six were issued to lay corner-stones.

Chain letters find no favor with the Grand Master:

No less than three copies of “chain letters” have been forwarded to me within the past few months. These have asked the brethren to whom they were sent to forward a small sum of money to a given address in the United States, for a purpose apparently worthy, and to mail a copy of the letter to some other Mason in this jurisdiction. This practice should not be encouraged. Our brethren in the United States are abundantly able and more than willing to provide means for any worthy charity or any patriotic object, and those who send these chain letters to us rest under the suspicion of fraud. In one case the name of a Past Grand Master was used; and it was unfortunate for the sender of the letter that he was unaware that the Most Worshipful Brother had been dead for more than a year, and also that he was unable to spell his name correctly. Our brethren would do well to throw all chain letters into the fire.

Assets of the Grand Lodge \$116,527.38.

Paid out for benevolence \$21,956.30.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer \$54,297.65.

A deputation from Washington Lodge, No. 240, Buffalo, N. Y., consisting of R. W. Brother George Henry Chase, G. J. D., Grand Lodge of New York; R. W. Brother J. William Prouse, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, near the Grand Lodge of New York, and W.

Brother Frank T. Gilbert, P. M., was introduced by the V. W. Director of Ceremonies and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

Most Worshipful J. H. Burritt, the retiring Grand Master, was presented with a cabinet of silver.

London was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Henry Robertson prefaces his report with a description of the Carbonari, an Italian organization.

Less than one page is devoted to Georgia, half of which is taken up with extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

Most Worshipful Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—1908.

Forty-eighth Annual.

September 21.

DENVER.

Nine Special Communications were held, six of which were to lay corner-stones.

Portraits of Andrew Sagendorf, Grand Master, 1883, and of John B. Haffy, Grand Master, 1908, embellished the proceedings.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Joseph B. Davis, Grand Master; 22 Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 86 Lodges.

The survival of 22 Past Grand Masters would indicate that the climate of Colorado is conducive to long life.

The Grand Master makes a cheerful report:

It is a great pleasure to be able to report to you, that the numerical growth of our beloved institution has been steady, and kept pace with former years. When we consider that the past year has been one of so-called financial depression, I feel that we have every reason for congratulation and encouragement. With few exceptions, peace has been our portion. Where misunderstandings have arisen, I am now confident that peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail. This Annual Grand Communication should not only be a season of profit, but a season of pleasure. Let us again renew the bonds of friendship and brotherly love, and enjoy every moment of this session.

Three new Lodges were created by dispensation.

Twenty-two Special Dispensations were issued. One was refused to allow the conferring of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degree on a candidate at one and the same communication.

Forty Lodges in different parts of the State received official visits.

The charter of one Lodge was arrested for allowing the ballot to be spread three times upon the same application.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$14,592.71.

The Grand Secretary's Report shows total membership 12,950 ; net gain 724. The number of Lodges had increased from three in 1861 to 114 in 1908.

Seven decisions are recorded. Three of these we copy :

I have received many letters asking for decisions on certain points of Masonic law. In nearly every case an interpretation or citation to the Grand Lodge By-Law covering the question has sufficed. In a few cases I have made decisions as follows :

1. A young man having completed the term of his enlistment in the United States Naval Service, returning to the home of his parents, may claim their home as his fixed abode, and may at once petition for the Degrees of Masonry.

2. A stockholder and manager of a general merchandise and saloon business is ineligible to receive Masonic Degrees.

7. A Worshipful Master of a Lodge has not the right to call a Past Master to preside over a Lodge during a Masonic trial wherein the Worshipful Master is a witness. The Senior Warden must preside. In case of his absence, the Junior Warden must preside.

We do not agree with No. 7. Without being hampered by the endless technicalities of State criminal procedure and with a desire simply for justice, we see no good reason why the Worshipful Master should not appoint a Past Master to preside at the trial or even preside himself.

From the report on Necrology by Brother Greenleaf, we quote this poetic gem :

"A pilgrim once, so runs an ancient tale,
Old, worn and spent, crept down a shadowed vale.
On either hand rose mountains bleak and high ;
Chill was the heavy air, and dark the sky ;
The path was rugged and his feet were bare ;
His faded cheek was seamed with pain and care ;
His heavy eyes upon the ground were cast,

And every step seemed feebler than the last.
The valley ended where a naked rock
Rose sheer from earth to heaven, as if to mock
The pilgrim who had crept that toilsome way.
But while his dimmed and weary eyes assay
To find an outlet in the mountain side,
A ponderous, sculptured, brazen door he spied,
And tottering towards it, with fast-failing breath,
Above the portal read : "THE GATE OF DEATH."
He could not stay his feet that led thereto.
It yielded to his touch ; and passing through,
He came into a world all bright and fair ;
Blue were the skies, and balmy was the air.
And lo! the blood of youth flowed through his veins,
And he was clad in robes that had no stains
Of his long pilgrimage. Amazed, he turned,
And lo! a golden door behind him burned
In that fair sunlight, and his wandering eyes,
Now lustrous and clear as those blue skies,
Freed from the mists of age and care and strife,
Over the portal read : "THE GATE OF LIFE."

This extract from the scholarly address of Grand Orator,
Melvin Edwards :

If perchance you should make a visit to your physician's laboratory, he can, if so inclined, hand you an ordinary appearing herb, at the same time inform you, that if subjected to the chemist's art, it will yield up a substance, which, if taken into the system, will produce feelings of ecstatic pleasure, and will transport mortal man for the time being, from his cares and troubles, to immeasurable delights ; from the doubts and worries of life to certainties and harmonies scarcely dreamed of. Should you inquire the name of this product of the soil, you will be told that it is known *Cannabis Indica*, and this concentrated substance is its *Alkaloid*, or active principal.

Enlarging on this knowledge or revelation, the earnest searcher after nature's mysteries, cannot fail to discern that the great organizing power of the universe has planted down deep in the hidden centers of its leafing and blooming creations, concentrated potentialities of mighty and expanding force. Leaving the physical creation, if he will allow his now awakened and alert mentality to reach out into metaphysical realms, there will come to him admonitions of some hidden force, higher and more momentous to humanity's children than any other, and towering above all mundane mysteries and conditions as mountain range, billow on pillow, towers above the plains. There will be developed multiplied evidences that there is implanted in man an *Alkaloid*, which, if rightly administered, will transport him to higher plains of intelligence and unfolding powers.

In recognition of his "zeal, fidelity, and faithful services for nearly half a century," Brother Henry T. West was made a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

Retiring Grand Master Davis was presented with a jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf makes his twenty-fourth report. It is an interesting document.

More than three pages are devoted to Georgia affairs.

As a preface to a liberal quotation from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address, he says: "The address of Grand Master Max Meyerhardt was not only a full and explicit presentment of his official acts, but was filled with eloquent thoughts, such as have marked his addresses heretofore."

We quote from his conclusion :

In England and her Colonies the Past Rank is still conferred and regarded as a high distinction. In our opinion it is unmeaning and valueless. Active service in an office should alone confer past rank and distinction. In other words, honors should be earned. To make a brother a Past Grand Master, Past Grand Warden or Past Grand Deacon for service rendered the Craft in some other capacity, is to rob the office of its distinguishing significance.

Legislation against the admission of liquor sellers to the Fraternity is generally through the South and West. In the latter section a Grand Master started the ball a rolling in another direction by declaring that dealing on the stock board was gambling and a Masonic offence. This was modified to apply to proprietors of what are known as "bucket shops," and such were declared to be subject to Masonic discipline.

Most Worshipful John B. Haffy, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1909.

One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual.

January 20.

NEW HAVEN.

A fine portrait of Grand Master Edward E. Fuller graces the Proceedings.

Five emergent Communications were held: At Stamford, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master Dwight Waugh; at Derby, to attend the funeral of

Brother John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary ; at Hartford, to lay the final stone of the Hartford Bridge ; at Naugatuck, to dedicate the new hall of Shepherd Lodge ; at Washington, to lay the corner stone of the new school building.

Present at the Annual Communication : Most Worshipful Edward E. Fuller, Grand Master, ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 109 Lodges.

Brother George A. Kees, the Representative of Georgia, responded at roll call.

Brother Hamilton Wallace, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, was introduced and welcomed with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master, in his address, paid fitting tribute to the memory of Brother Barlow for nearly thirty years Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, and Grand Secretary for fourteen years.

Here are some decisions :

Question : "Is it the duty of the Secretary of a Masonic Lodge, at the request of the Master, to send out notices to the Craft of all regular and special communications ?" Answer : "Yes."

Question : "Is it required that the order from the Master to the Secretary, requesting him to send out such notices, be in writing ?" Answer : "No."

Question : "Can the cremated ashes of a deceased brother be buried with Masonic ceremony, and without a dispensation ?" Answer : "Yes."

Twenty Special Dispensations were issued. One was refused to allow a Lodge to participate with other organizations in a civic parade.

The Grand Master had visited every Lodge in his Jurisdiction except one.

Grand Master's Day was held September 20. A most interesting program was carried out.

The Grand Master declared that his administration had proved "one of perfect peace and harmony among the Craft, without one ripple of discontent."

These inspiring words are found in his conclusion :

Let us not fail to remember that this magnificent structure of Ancient Craft Masonry, the admiration of the wise, the fear of the prejudiced, and the loved and venerated institution through the ages of those who have been inscribed on its roll of membership, has come to us as an inheritance from the dim and misty past, and has been transmitted to us

pure and unimpaired, by the countless host of Masonic Brethren, who have with great patience and perseverance, amid manifold privations and sacrifices, and at times great persecution and obloquy, trod the checkerred pavement, and performed their many and various labors of love and charity.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$17,303.20.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that in future Grand Masters communicate their decisions to the Committee on Jurisprudence before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge as far as practicable.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodges of Florida and Minnesota.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report seems to be the production of Grand Secretary Barlow and Past Grand Master Havens. Whoever the author may be, the work is well done.

He quotes largely from the address of Grand Master Jeffries, and endorses his decisions as "good Masonic law."

He quotes from this writer, and agrees with him for the most part, but differs from him on the subject of "Perpetual Jurisdiction."

Most Worshipful Weston G. Grannis, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frank W. Havens, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE—1908.

One Hundred and Third Annual.

October 7.

WILMINGTON.

Present: Most Worshipful Thomas J. Day, Grand Master, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and a constitutional number of Representatives.

Two Special Communications were held to lay cornerstones: at Lewis of the new town hall, and at Wilmington of the new Methodist Episcopal Church.

This from the Grand Master's address :

During the year our country has been in the grasp of a financial crisis. Men in all the walks of life have suffered. The bond of friendship between men have been weakened and life has assumed a more gloomy

aspect ; but throughout these difficulties, the firm light of our Craft has beamed with a constant brightness, urging the brethren to live true to its teachings, to endure the temporary inconveniences and to trust that the future would be brighter in their daily affairs. The guiding rays have had their effect, Masons have been governed by them and as a result, today we are assembled, a strong body, eager for the tasks which have been placed for our consideration.

The Grand Master had visited all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction during the year. Work in the Lodges had been satisfactory.

Four Special Dispensations were issued.

While other Grand Masters were troubled with numerous questions for decisions, the Grand Master of Delaware was not called upon for a single decision.

Here is some sound advice :

We pass a brother on the street, we know him yet fail to notice him. Is this Fraternal love ? Does such an action lead him to have a more favorable view towards his fellow beings ? Is it charitable ? No ! we are wrong and we must mend our ways, lest the great aim of Masonry becomes lost and the Fraternity degenerates into a mere mercenary body.

It is indeed cheering, when in the hour of distress, to have a brother to stop and greet you in a friendly manner ; it serves to encourage you, it increases your love for your fellow being and makes you feel that life after all is well worth the effort.

We are gradually and steadily losing this phase and we must take steps to replace the feeling of fellowship outside of the Lodge room. Let each decide that he will endeavor to change the existing conditions, and let each when next he sees a brother, grasp his hand and try to make life more pleasant for him. Kind deeds are never forgotten and by encouraging a fellow man we are making life more pleasant for ourselves.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$1,880.33.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brother Thomas J. Day was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother L. H. Jackson presents a condensed but well-written report of sixty-one pages.

Georgia is well treated. .

Of Brother James W. Taylor, Past Grand Master, he says, " Delaware is highly honored in her Representative."

He calls the address of Grand Master Meyerhardt "eloquent and interesting."

He has a tender feeling for Georgia, for "some thirty years ago," he had "spent some pleasant days in the beautiful City of Macon" on his "bridal tour."

Most Worshipful Henry J. Beers, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Virginius V. Harrison, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1908

Ninety-eighth Annual.

December 16.

WASHINGTON.

The first Stated Communication was held March 14, with Grand Master Augustus B. Coolidge, in the chair.

A Lodge of Instruction having been formed, the esoteric portions of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason were exemplified.

The second Stated Communication was held May 13.

Recognition was denied El Gran Logia Cosmos of Chihuahua.

The following regulation was adopted :

Each Lodge (except new Lodges while working under dispensation) shall pay to the Grand Lodge annually one dollar for every Master Mason on the roll of the Lodge, but no Lodge shall be charged any dues for clergymen from whom no dues shall have been received.

A Special Communication was held September 19. It was a notable occasion. Prayer was offered by Brother Abram Sirmon, rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, and the new Temple was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

The third Stated Communication was held September 26.

Past Grand Master William H. Nichols, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was received with the honors appropriate to his rank.

This resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, An Act of Congress has provided for the erection of a statue in the City of Washington, of Admiral John Paul Jones, of Revolutionary fame; and the same Act has provided for the appointment of a commission to designate a site for said statue, said commission to be composed of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, Senator

George Peabody Wetmore of Rhode Island, and Hon. Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, This peerless hero of the American Navy was a brother Mason, having been made a Mason in St. Bernard's Lodge, in Kircudbright, Scotland, in 1770, and afterwards affiliated with Neuf Soeurs Lodge in Paris, when our Illustrious Brother, Benjamin Franklin, was Master; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, That the Commission be and is hereby requested to have the statue placed in the triangular space in front of the new Masonic Temple, formed by Thirteenth Street, H Street, and New York Avenue.

A Special Communication was held November 19, to lay the corner-stone of the new hall, to be erected by Wm. R. Singleton Lodge.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Augustus B. Coolidge, Grand Master, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-eight Lodges.

The Grand Master's address shows in detail his official acts.

Two dispensations were issued to form public processions, for the purpose of attending Divine Service, and seven more, to confer degrees in less than the constitutional period.

The Grand Master had visited each of the constituent Lodges during the year.

Receipts of the Grand Treasurer, \$11,552.60.

Formal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother George W. Baird, in a report of one hundred and thirty-three pages, reviews the proceedings of seventy-five Grand Lodges.

Georgia is accorded more than two pages of courteous notice.

He notes a resolution offered to give Lodges representation in the Grand Lodge according to numerical strength, and says the resolution was adopted. We would respectfully refer Brother Baird to page ninety-three of the Georgia Proceedings.

From his conclusion, we quote:

There seems to be a growing tendency in our Western and Southern Grand Lodges to substitute *prohibition* for *temperance*, which, we think,

is going a little too far. We heartily justify every effort to diminish drunkenness, but fear very much that prohibition does not accomplish it. We have noticed in our extended travels that where the people drink light wines and beer there is not much drunkenness, but where strong alcoholic (distilled) liquor is the favorite beverage, drunkenness is more common. Drunkenness may be diminished by diminishing the tariff on light wines and malt liquors, and increasing it on distilled liquors.

Most Worshipful Henry K. Simpson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Arvine W. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA—1909

Eighteenth Annual.

January 19.

JACKSONVILLE.

Four Special Communications were held : at Mayo, to lay the corner-stone of the Lafayette County Court House ; at Gainesville, to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at that place ; at Kissimmee, to lay the corner-stone of the Osceola High School Building ; at Bartow, to lay the corner-stone of the Polk County Court House.

The initial pages are occupied by engravings of the old Masonic Temple at Tallahassee, in which the Grand Lodge was organized July 6, 1830, and of the new Masonic Temple at Jacksonville, dedicated January 20, 1909. These two pictures aptly illustrate the progress of Masonry in the "Land of Flowers."

Present at the Annual Communication : Most Worshipful Elmer E. Haskell, Grand Master, eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 163 Lodges.

Georgia was represented by Brother Henry W. Long.

We quote from the exordium of the Grand Master's address :

But, unto each and all who have really and honestly tried to well perform in the arena of our opportunities and activities, we bring the encouragement of work well done, and the assurance that no such effort is lost, but rather, every such effort has aided in the good accomplished and done.

Such efforts are seldom measured by appearances or outward show, but they exist, and are choice treasures in the heart and life of the brethren.

I am persuaded that he rules best who best knows how to serve.

Five Lodges were constituted, and thirteen more were created by dispensation.

Fifty-three special dispensations were issued for various purposes.

Sixty-two decisions were rendered. We quote four of these :

No. 9. That in case where "charges for unmasonic conduct" had been preferred against a member, specifically charging him with practicing improper sexual relations with his wife's two sisters and thereby causing their ruin, the matter for inquiry by the Lodge should be whether the charges of these illicit relations were true or false, and not whether the character of the girls were good or bad. That the offense was the violation of the Moral Code and that if guilty he should be punished.

No. 11. That a petition from one who is a theatrical man, and always on the road, with the recommendation of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he last resided, may be received and acted upon, although the petitioner has not in fact resided within the State of Florida twelve months, nor within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, to which same is made, six months; and that the residence of his family, if he had one, would fix his residence; or that the fact of registering for election purposes, either in State or city elections, would establish the same.

No. 19. That a brother whose views of Deity mean "the absorption of God in Nature," and that "nature's laws comprise his views of Deity," and that "there is no being whom he recognizes as the author of the universe," is an atheist and should be charged as such, tried, and if proven to be an atheist, should be expelled.

No. 54. A brother, a member of an investigation committee, on a petition for degrees in Masonry, stated the facts to be that the petitioner had been examined by a physician and pronounced one lung gone from consumption, and the other not developed, and advised to stay in the open air; that the only hope he had was by developing the other lung, and at the time is bleeding and spitting, but had improved; that another physician says he was likely to go any time by imprudence. Should the committee, knowing this, report favorably? I answered that the responsibility was with the Lodge, and from the statement I should report unfavorably.

As to No. 11 the Committee on Jurisprudence decided that the applicant must be a resident of Florida for twelve months before his petition could be acted upon.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$9,299.00.

Past Grand Master Zeigler, of the Grand Lodge of Washington being present, he was received with Grand Honors.

Labor was dispensed with in the Master Mason Degree and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened.

The Entered Apprentice Degree was then conferred upon an actual candidate by the Grand Lodge Committee on Work.

The following was adopted :

Resolved : That the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated by this Grand Lodge to Worshipful Master Gabriel Ferro of Dr. Felix Varela Lodge No. 64 for the purpose of translating from English into Spanish the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have same printed and placed on sale at cost to the members of the Spanish Lodges.

The new Temple was dedicated by the Grand Lodge with solemn and impressive services. The Temple was accepted in a fine speech by Brother D. N. Fletcher in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Brother H. S. Yerger delivered a forcible oration from the text "A Kid Glove Lodge." Thus he pays his respects to the Inquisition :

During this long midnight period the Inquisition was engendered. I shall not violate the proprieties by discussing religion, but religion has to do with Him whom we worship and the Inquisition and its cruelties were of the devil, therefore I am not trenching upon religious matters. We that love freedom should never forget the autos-da-fe of Spain, the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day, the 24th of August, 1572, nor the attempt to destroy the Low Countries. Motley tells us speaking of the sack of Antwerp, 1576 "of all the crime which men commit from deliberate calculation or in the frenzy of passion hardly one was omitted, for riot, gaming and rape had been postponed to the more stringent claims of robbery and murder, and were more rapidly added to the sum of atrocities. Of all the deeds of darkness yet compassed in the Netherlands, this was the worst. It was known for ages as the Spanish Fury. A city of wealth and splendor became a charnel house, a shambles."

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A report of 135 pages is made by Brother Silas B. Wright.

Nearly two pages are devoted to Georgia affairs.

He says : "Most Worshipful Brother Max Meyerhardt has made a good, competent, able, hard-working Grand Mas-

ter, and the Grand Lodge has prospered under his guidance as it had not done for many a year.

Most Worshipful Louis C. Massey, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Wilbur P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO—1908.

Forty-first Annual.

September 8.

BOISE.

A portrait of Grand Master William R. Hamilton makes the frontispiece of the volume.

A Special Communication was held at Cour d' Alene for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new City Hall building.

Present at the Annual Communication : Most Worshipful W. C. Whitwell, Grand Master, six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty Lodges.

Brother John T. Morrison, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

In traveling through the State the Grand Master had been greatly pleased to see so many young men entering the Masonic Fraternity. Of this he says :

The pure principles as taught and practiced by our Ancient and Honorable Order will greatly aid in purifying, elevating and ennobling the lives of all men ; but the young men coming into the Masonic Fraternity will receive a special blessing, for in them will be instilled and developed a veneration and love for the Deity and His Sacred Word, which will greatly strengthen their faith, and guide them safely through life's journey in the paths of righteousness.

Total membership of 2,595 shows a net gain of 200.

Here are two of the decisions rendered :

First. September 12, received a communication from Brother C. F. Pike of Boise Lodge No. 2, stating, " At the annual election of Masonic officers, a brother moves that Brother 'A' be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Lodge for Brother 'B' for treasurer for the coming Masonic year. The motion is seconded, put, and carried, and Brother 'B' is elected and installed in accordance with the above motion. Is such a procedure proper in a Masonic Lodge ? Is it in harmony with the teachings of Masonry respecting the sacredness and secrecy of the ballot ?

Answer. No. Such a procedure in my opinion would be a violation

of the letter and spirit of the Constitution and contrary to the teachings of Masonry respecting the sacredness and secrecy of the ballot.

Third. November 25, received the following communication from Brother L. A. Manring, Worshipful Master of Paradise Lodge No. 17, stating, "We have an applicant for the degrees in our Lodge who has a wooden leg, and we are undecided as to whether we can consider the application of a man who is in that condition."

Answer. A man with a wooden leg is physically disqualified, therefore to make such an applicant a Mason would be a violation of the rules and regulations of Free Masonry, and an offense against the landmarks of our institution.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$10,029.42.

Orphan funds on hand, \$50,964.84.

Two Lodges were formed by dispensation.

By invitation of Boise Lodge and the ladies of Adah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the brethren enjoyed a reception and banquet on the evening of the first day.

On the second day, Grand Lecturer W. B. Goodheart, assisted by Boise Lodge exemplified the work by raising a candidate to the Third Degree.

Brother Byron S. Defenbach, Grand Orator, delivered an *extempore* oration, which was said to be "instructive, interesting, and greatly appreciated."

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting review of 123 pages and covering the proceedings of 63 Grand Lodges, is the good work of Brother George E. Knepper.

He notes the presence of Brother Napier, Idaho's Grand Representative.

Brother Napier is always on hand unless providentially hindered. Moreover no one in the Grand Lodge of Georgia stands higher in the estimation of his brethren than Idaho's Representative.

Most Worshipful William R. Hamilton, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS—1908.

Sixty-ninth Annual.

October 6.

CHICAGO.

Present: Most Worshipful Alexander H. Bell, and the Representatives of 739 Lodges.

The Grand Master makes a cheerful report:

Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is certainly in a most flourishing condition. Never in our history have there been such accessions to our numbers as during the past year, and I believe that it can truthfully be said that considering the numerical strength of our organization and the great number of Lodges in the State, there has been an unusual measure of harmony and of true Fraternal spirit among the brethren.

Eleven Lodges were created by dispensation, and eight more were constituted under charter.

Eight corner-stones were laid, and five Masonic Schools were held at different points in the State.

The Schools of Instruction had been "eminently successful and interesting to all."

The Grand Master refused to issue a dispensation for a Lodge to attend Easter Services at a church. He thus reasons concerning the matter:

For a Mason or any number of Masons separately or collectively, in procession or otherwise, to attend religious services at any church, is highly commendable in them and they ought to be encouraged to do so. But religious services on Easter Sunday are commemorative of events which do not appeal to many thousands of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. For a Masonic Lodge to attend religious services on Sunday at a church, wearing the clothing and bearing the jewels and paraphernalia of a Lodge, is largely a matter of mere parade. The church service is not in any sense a Masonic ceremony or service, and it is in no wise necessary that organized Lodges should participate therein. The Lodge does nothing. Its members merely sit still and listen.

No decisions are recorded. Grand Masters are pestered with a great many questions, which the questions might answer for themselves by consulting the laws of the Jurisdiction.

A certain Grand Master adopted a plan, which afforded great relief. He issued an order to all officers and secretaries of subordinate Lodges, carefully to read the laws and to certify to him in writing that they had done so. He refused to answer any questions unless the seekers after infor-

mation first assured him they had carefully searched the printed authorities, and had failed to find the information sought.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$86,680.30.

Receipts of Charity Fund, \$41,042.44.

Receipts of Orphans' Home Fund, \$29,868.23.

Brother Fay Hempstead, Secretary Grand Lodge of Arkansas and Poet Laureate of Masonry was received with Grand Honors.

A report on the Masonic Home shows an average attendance of fifty members during the year. Average cost of maintenance per capita \$192.36, which is slightly lower than for the preceding year.

Brother Elmer E. Beach, Grand Orator, whose portrait adorns the proceedings, delivered an instructive address. The theme was "International Brotherhood." We quote the concluding paragraph :

Every generous and just impulse of the human heart, as well as every consideration of self-interest, warns us against a repetition of the history of the nations that are gone. Profound and thoughtful students of history have declared that Greece died because the men who made her glory had passed away—sacrificed to the evil God of War. The Greeks of today are not the descendents of Leonidas and Miltiades, but for the most part are sons of the stable boys and scullions and slaves of the day of her glory. Rome fell because of the lack of men,—the destruction of the bone and sinew of the nation through centuries of continuous war. So fell Carthage, Egypt, the Arabs and the Moors, because their soldiers dying, the nations bred real men no more. The man of the strong arm and quick eye gave place to the slave, the man with the hoe, whose lot changes not with the overthrow of dynasties. May we learn from the past, profit by the errors of the centuries, and by wisdom and humanity point the way to Universal Peace through the Brotherhood of Nations.

Total membership 90,576; net increase 4,977.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Joseph Robbins makes an elaborate report of 350 pages covering the Proceedings of 63 Grand Lodges. Brother Robbins' well-known ability as a writer assures us that the work is well done.

Under Georgia he says : " A half-tone portrait of the incoming Grand Master, Thomas H. Jeffries, adorns the fly leaf

of the Georgia Volume. The face and the evening dress are purely occidental; the lapel decoration bespeaks a son of Islam."

We assure Brother Robbins our Grand Master never was enrolled among the followers of Mahomet. Although a gentleman of marked ability, he is a full-fledged "Georgia Cracker," intensely popular with his brethren.

Commenting on one of Grand Master Meyerhardt's decisions, he says:

The persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free-born, and of mature and discreet age, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

These are the highest prescriptions of the law, confronting with equal force every brother who holds the fateful ballot in his hand, from the Grand Master down to the humblest private member of the Lodge. No individual, however exalted in the Fraternity, has power to change the qualifications therein defined, and as nothing added to nothing creates naught but nothing, so no aggregation of individuals, however numerous, has any more authority as a body than has each powerless unit. But when in the regular course of orderly Masonic procedure the unit is armed with the ballot, he is no longer powerless, but has full authority to decide in each individual case whether the applicant comes within the prescriptions which the landmarks make essential to eligibility. He not only has the authority, but it is a duty which he cannot shirk and from which the dictum of neither Grand Master nor Grand Lodge can relieve him, to decide whether the otherwise eligible applicant is an immoral or scandalous man, or of good report. To come down from general principles to the particular case which calls out this comment—without discussing the question whether "bucket shop" trading differs essentially from what the world generally agrees to call gambling—it is certain that in some, perhaps in all localities where it prevails, there are men engaged in it who stand well in society, in business circles and in the various churches, who, in short, possess the general respect and confidence which attaches to men "of good report." The question of general reputability is one of fact, and he whose duty it becomes to decide it is confronted by a condition and not a theory.

Under Iowa, commenting on recommendation of Grand Master Cleveland that Fraternal relations be established with Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, he says:

By the subsequent adoption of this amendment with its prefatory preamble and resolution, the Grand Lodge of Iowa recognizes as an equal and co-ordinate governing body of Masonry in Iowa, a body which the Grand Lodge does not and cannot know to be Masonic or dealing in Masonic degrees. If the Grand Lodge of Iowa *knew* that this body which

it thus recognizes as a member of the co-partnership in the governing business in that jurisdiction, was really dealing in "degrees of Masonry" its duty would be so plain under its Constitution and under the landmarks whose constraining power and inviolability that instrument confesses, that it would just "come a running" to advertise the clandestine nature of the royal and select combination. The trouble with the Grand Lodge of Iowa is that when it got so queered in 1889, as to forget its common-sense declaration that it had no authority to decide upon the regularity of any degrees save those which under the landmarks it has in charge, it has never got sane enough to fully realize the other half of the truth that (within the landmarks) it is the sole proprietor of the symbolic degrees, that other half being that under the landmarks Symbolic Masonry is the sole proprietor of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Bell, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA—1909.

Ninety-second Annual.

May 25.

INDIANAPOLIS.

An engraving of the new Masonic Temple, recently erected, and a fine portrait of Grand Master William H. Marker, add interest to the Proceedings.

The first pages of the Proceedings are occupied by a graphic account of the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the new Masonic Temple. It was a great occasion. A magnificent address was delivered by Grand Master Chas. N. Mickels. Other distinguished brethren added to the stream of oratory, while the exercises were interspersed with strains of delightful music.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Charles N. Mickels, Grand Master; sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 531 Lodges.

The Grand Master thus begins his admirable address:

The year, which is now closing, leaves one large and joyous sum total in my mind and heart. I briefly state it when I say that I am proud of you. In your presence there is no opportunity for self-consciousness on my part. You are big enough, successful enough, loyal enough, zealous enough, true enough, to compel me to think of you first, last, and all the time. I congratulate our sister Grand Jurisdictions if they can but equal the local and State-wide leadership which our Indiana Lodges possess, and I rejoice with them if they have such an

accumulation of disinterested wisdom, experience, delicacy and loyalty as you have heretofore dedicated to the good of the order, now called Past Grand Masters, and are now honoring under the name of Grand Lodge Officers.

Eighteen decisions were rendered, all of which were approved. Some of these we quote:

2. A Master Mason, who is a member of a Lodge, which is under the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge, cannot petition for affiliation, based on a receipt for dues, in an Indiana Lodge. An attempted election to membership on such a receipt for dues is void. Transfer of membership applies only in our own jurisdiction.

10. The office of Worshipful Master is not vacated by his removal from the immediate jurisdiction of his Lodge, nor by his inability to attend Lodge meetings and attend to his duties. Under such conditions the Worshipful Master should resign, but cannot be compelled to do so.

13. A Master Mason, who has never been elected or installed as a Warden, may confer degrees when requested to do so by the Worshipful Master, who is present.

One new Lodge was created by dispensation.

Eleven corner-stones were laid, thirteen Lodges were officially visited, and four halls were dedicated.

The sum of \$200 was sent to the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$37,370.53.

The Grand Secretary's report shows: Total membership, 52,515; net increase, 2,404.

Total cost of Masonic Temple, \$461,038.92.

Brother Daniel McDonald paid a merited tribute to the memory of Brother Martin H. Rice, who was Grand Treasurer for twenty-four years.

On the evening of the first day, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge enjoyed an elaborate dinner in the banquet hall of the new Temple.

A Committee on Grand Inspector's report recommended that the Grand Inspector be upheld in his efforts to repress "innovations" and "inventions." Further that Lodges be required to give the lectures belonging to each degree in full to every candidate.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to receive the photographs of all the Worshipful Masters and Representatives present

at this session of the Grand Lodge, arrange same and place in class frames, to be hung upon the rear wall of the Grand Lodge Hall.

Brother Charles N. Mickels, retiring Grand Master, was presented with a jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Daniel McDonald makes another of those able reports, for which he is famous.

He thus begins his review of Georgia :

We have before us the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Grand Communication of this venerable Grand Lodge. A century and nearly a quarter is a long time for any organization of human beings to maintain an existence, and outside of the Masonic there are very few other voluntary organizations that have survived as long as this Grand Lodge. And there is no reason why it should not continue for all time to come. It has in it the elements of immortality, and so long as the human race remains on earth and increase, so long will the Masonic Order continue to exist.

He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt, and quotes from his address.

Most Worshipful William H. Marker, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1908.

Thirty-fifth Annual.

August 11.

M'ALISTER.

Present: Most Worshipful James B. Morrow, Grand Master; twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 182 Lodges.

A portrait and biography of Grand Master Morrow occupy the first pages of the volume.

Two Emergent Communications were held: at Tulsa, to perform the funeral services over the body of Brother John D. Seaman; at Coweta, to lay the corner-stone of the Presbyterian church.

Distinguished visitors were: Most Worshipful D. D. Hoag, Grand Master of Oklahoma; Most Worshipful W. L. Eagleton, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma; Most Worshipful W. M. Anderson, Right Worshipful U. C. Guss, Brother

S. W. Hogan, Worshipful J. H. Patterson, of Oklahoma; and Past Grand Master Thornburg, of Arkansas.

The exordium of the Grand Master contains the ancient legend of Hafaz the Egyptian, a story instructive but sad.

The Grand Master points out the true spirit of Masonry:

The primary lesson taught in Masonry is to be good and true. We endeavor to regulate our conduct according to the dictates of this theme. Hypocrisy and deceit are foreign to it; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish it; the spirit of fraternity prompts us to help each other, to rejoice in each other's successes and to share each other's sorrows.

Seventeen special dispensations were granted. Two were refused: to confer the degrees of Masonry upon an applicant with a cork leg; to make two black balls necessary to rejection of a petitioner.

Ten Lodges were organized under dispensation.

We quote one of the six decisions rendered:

5. Question. We have a brother of this Lodge who is engaged in selling whiskey at Fort Smith, Arkansas. We have preferred charges against him, but he takes the stand that we have no jurisdiction over him, as he is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. His family lives here in Spiro and this is his home; he votes here and owns property here. Please advise us what to do with him.

Answer. You have jurisdiction and I advise you to put him on trial at once and proceed exactly as the law directs.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that charters were issued for eight new Lodges.

Total membership, 9,082; net gain, 606.

Total of General Fund for the year, \$26,968.03.

Total Orphans' Home Fund, \$5,769.63.

Grand Master Thornburg, of Arkansas, being introduced, delivered a pleasing address.

Terms of admission to the Orphans' Home:

Orphan children of Master Masons, who at the time of death were in good standing in some Lodge in this jurisdiction, when such children have no property or home or relatives who can or will care for them and who are not under four nor over fourteen years of age, sound in body and mind, are entitled to admission.

Brother Fay Hempstead was endorsed as the Poet Laureate of Masonry in the United States.

This from the scholarly address of Brother William H. Falmage, Grand Orator:

No Mason is truly a master until he has caught some idea of the imperfect condition of human society and of the world, and its need of his endeavors. Not until he hears the wail of the hungry, "Come feed us," of the ignorant, "Come teach us," of the slaves of Mammon, "Come liberate us," of the affairs of Government, "Come purify us." Not until he sees Dishonesty, Injustice, Hypocrisy and the whole herd of hellish swine befouling the skirts of innocence and virtue and feels impelled to rush upon and destroy them, when the clear vision of the needs of a race and a world flash upon him and a yearning comes to help Godward the conditions closely surrounding him; then, and not until then, does he receive "word" from the Master. Not until he is in this attitude is he ready to "travel" in a country foreign to himself and do effective, immortal "work."

McAlister was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Under a report of a committee appointed for the purpose the Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territory were merged into one body.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An excellent report of 112 pages and covering the Proceedings of forty-five Grand Lodges, is made by Brother Thomas C. Humphrey. Nearly three pages are devoted to Georgia. Of Grand Master Meyerhardt, he said:

He is an eloquent orator. When I began reading his address, I did not want to stop.

In his conclusion, he intimated that he was making his last report. We hope this is not true.

Most Worshipful Henry L. Muldrow, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary.

IOWA—1909.

Sixty-sixth Annual.

June 1.

DAVENPORT.

Present: Most Worshipful P. J. Martin, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 451 Lodges.

A photogravure and biography of Grand Master Martin add interest to a very attractive volume.

The Grand Communication was held at Davenport for the eighteenth time.

Escorted by St. Simon, of Cyrene Commandery, with music by Grabbe's band, addresses of welcome were made by His Honor Mayor Scott, for the city, and Brother C. A. Moore, on behalf of the local Lodges, to which suitable response was made by Deputy Grand Master J. W. Barry.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's inspiring address, we quote:

The Grand Lodge of Iowa meets in its Sixty-sixth Annual Communication to plant one more golden milestone in its triumphant march along the pathway of human liberty. No assemblage of men, whether ecclesiastical, civic, or fraternal, ever had greater cause to be proud of the principles for which they stand, or have greater reason to glory in the universality of the truths they promulgated than have we. Centuries of honorable history and progress are behind us. History that proclaims to the world our unselfish devotion to duty in the uplifting and the betterment of mankind.

Among all the institutions known to man at the present day Freemasonry and the great school back of it are the only ones that undertake with clear intelligence to define man's duty to himself and to his fellow-men, and to point out the lines of self-perfection, liberation, and higher evolution by an exact ethical formula, free from all dogmatism, superstition, fear, or any ulterior motive whatsoever. Freemasonry thus stands as the epitome of human wisdom and of man's highest achievement to the present time.

Five new Lodges were constituted, and two more were organized under dispensation.

The Grand Master condemns the practice of smoking in the Lodge room, and of the black ball wisely says:

The absolute right to cast a secret ballot is one of our landmarks. So long as there creep into this fold men who are unworthy, who have become members for purely selfish motives, who have no conception of what real Masonry is, just so long will there be the wrong use of the black ball. If it were possible for this fraternity to eliminate selfishness and hatred from the minds of its members, it would have succeeded where all the philosophies and religions of the world have failed. The only thing that we can do is to guard our portals well, see that no unworthy member is admitted, and, if possible, educate our members in the teachings and principles of genuine Masonry.

He disagreed with the usage, which permitted the degrees to be conferred free upon ministers, but the Committee on Jurisprudence declared the matter should be left to the individual Lodges.

The decisions of the Grand Master were all confirmed. Some of these, we quote:

Question. Do the provisions of Section 250, which prohibits dancing and card playing in the Lodge room, if objected to, apply to the banquet room, reception room, and parlors all on the same floor with the Lodge room?

Answer. No. It applies only to the Lodge room, ante-room, and preparation room.

Question. Can a dimitted Mason affiliate with a Lodge outside of the one within whose jurisdiction he resides?

Answer. No. Not without a waiver of jurisdiction.

Question. Can a Mason who is employed as private secretary to the president of a brewery affiliate with an Iowa Lodge?

Answer. Yes. He is now a Mason and eligible to visit a Lodge, and is therefore eligible to petition for membership.

The Grand Master had officially visited fifty Lodges, with pleasure to himself and profit to the Craft.

This, from the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, shows a true conception of Masonry:

But we easily know to what its wonderful vitality is to be ascribed. It is to the sublime lessons it has always taught; to the lofty ideals it has always set up before its votaries; to the eternal principles it has always inculcated, and to the superior manhood these principles have always attracted to the Order. The natural impulses of the soul in its conception of moral obligation of right and wrong are the underlying principles upon which the magnificent structure of Freemasonry stands.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$73,570.30.

The complete report of the Grand Secretary shows, total membership, 41,075; net increase, 1,571.

By the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution, the time of meeting was changed to the second Tuesday in June.

Disbursements of Grand Charity Fund, \$5,182.39.

Waterloo was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Brother Louis Block, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, was received with the usual honors.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

CORRESPONDENCE.

By his first effort, Brother Louis Block easily takes his place among our foremost Reporters.

Iowa has long been noted for its brilliant writers on Correspondence. It is sufficient to say Brother Block ranks with the best.

In his review of Georgia, after quoting liberally from Grand Master Jeffries' address, he says:

We regret very much that a portrait of Grand Master Jeffries does not accompany these Proceedings, as we are more than anxious to look upon the face of the man who writes so eloquently of the virtues of our beloved Order.

Look in Georgia Proceedings for 1907.

If we were near enough, we would make a profound bow to Brother Block for the following neat compliment:

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother A. Q. Moody, and in our opinion he has mastered the art of being brief and intensely interesting at the same time. He is able to pack more meat away in a small space than any reviewer whose work it has been our pleasure to peruse up to this time. He has reviewed with great skill a large number of Proceedings. Commenting upon Iowa and our annual meeting at Cedar Rapids last year, he describes our opening ceremonies briefly, yet fully.

Of identification cards, he says in his conclusion:

The use of these cards has proved itself to be of material assistance to the Lodge Secretaries in keeping the dues of the members paid up, and has proved itself to be a helpful remedy against suspension for non-payment of dues. If this card system served no other purpose than that of cutting down the large amount of unpaid dues which appears upon the records of so many Lodges, it would still more than justify the expense of putting it into practice.

Most Worshipful David W. Clements, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND—1908.

An address delivered at Dublin on St. John's Day in Winter by Deputy Grand Master James Creed Meredith takes up most of the volume.

He notes an interesting event: an old Past Master, Brother Joseph H. Woodworth, in that hall, had initiated into Masonry his grandson, and, on that occasion his own son was present as a Past Master.

He expressed his regrets that Grand Treasurer Crawley

was absent, and alluded to the fact that Brother Crawley had been made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Kilwinning Lodge of Scotland, and the famous York Lodge of England.

He mentioned Major-General Woolsey, who had been a subscribing member of the Fraternity for sixty years.

He gives the brethren timely caution as to the admission of new members:

Now I want to impress upon you all that the duty of each one of us as a Mason is that we should exercise very special care as to the character of the men whom we admit to our Fraternity. As a rule, reasonable care is taken, but I am sorry to have to say that one or two cases have come to my knowledge in which it appears to me that the brethren did not take sufficient care as to the character of the persons that they admitted.

He approves Masonic services:

I do not want to make a parade of these services, but I do want that the outer world should know distinctly that we Masons put our religion before all things. And let me remind you of this, that when I say religion I do not want it to be supposed for one moment that I want to limit that word to any particular creed or persuasion. I want to use the word in that broad sense in which all good Masons ought to use the word which refers to the Great Architect, the Great Geometrician, the Great God of the Universe.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows on hand, \$36,216.
Grand Lodge Charity Fund, \$6,806.

KANSAS—1909.

Fifty-third Annual.

February 17.

WICHITA.

Present: Most Worshipful Henry F. Mason, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 375 Lodges.

Brother Harry E. Best, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

The Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the volume, thus congratulates the brethren in the opening of his excellent address:

The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the Order throughout this jurisdiction. The net gain in membership during 1908

was 1,604, making the total on December 31st 32,072. Mere increase in numbers is not in itself to be regarded as a test of the welfare or progress of the Institution. It is, however, an indication that interest in the Order is well maintained. But, judged by any criterion, the history of Masonry in Kansas for the past twelve months is a source of gratification from whatever angle it may be viewed. No want of harmony has developed in any quarter save in a very few instances, where, however, the unpleasant manifestation has been confined strictly within the limits of the particular Lodge in which it originated. I take no credit to myself for this satisfactory state of affairs, but I do see in it the result of the prudence, vigilance and resourcefulness displayed by my predecessors in the office I now hold.

We quote the only three decisions rendered :

1. The fact that a member against whom charges are preferred is confined in the State penitentiary does not prevent the service of summons upon him or his being tried, convicted and sentenced.

2. The fact that a member has been convicted of a public offense in the State courts does not in and of itself constitute a ground for charges against him, but is such strong evidence of his guilt of the wrongful act forming the basis of his conviction as ordinarily to be practically conclusive against him

3. Where a conviction is had upon charges preferred against a member it is not necessary that the sentence be pronounced by the officer who presided at the trial; being but the formal registration of the will of the Lodge, it may be announced by the Master.

These were confirmed by the Committee on Jurisprudence without alteration.

The Grand Master alludes to the Masonic Home as "The cap-sheaf of Masonic achievement in the State."

Receipts of the Grand Treasurer, \$32,795.88.

Three new Lodges were duly constituted, and ten more were formed by dispensation.

Here is an extract from the eloquent address of Brother Elrick C. Cole, Grand Orator :

In the world's record of non-sectarian societies there is none named whose teachings give greater opportunities for light to humanity than Ancient Craft Masonry. About her altars the strictest Jew, the Mohammedan, the follower of Confucius, clasp hands with the believer in Christ, and there is no note of discord. Surely, with such a catholicity of sentiment, the Order has a world-wide field. Let us not presume that we of this day and age have exhausted her teachings. Not even he upon whose shoulders the purple of the Order has been worthily placed for many years has sounded the depths of knowledge or reached a full understanding of her precepts. The system of morals which has en-

gaged with profit the minds of so many sages will yet yield still greater light, even as the diamond flashes out its brilliant rays after lying beneath the rubbish for years when the hour and the man arrives.

Four Special Communications were held to lay corner-stones, and one to perform the funeral services over the remains of Grand Tyler Spencer P. Wade.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia.

Recognition was denied the following:

- Grand Lodge of State of New Leon.
- United Grand Lodge of the Federal District.
- Grand Lodge Cosmos of the State of Chihuahua.
- Grand Lodge of Chile.
- Grand Orient of Brazil.
- Grand Orient of the Republic of Paraguay.
- Grand Orient of Italy.
- Grand Lodge of Sweden.
- Grand Lodge of Norway.
- Grand Lodge of Denmark.
- Grand Orient of Greece.
- Grand Lodge of the Republic of Guatemala.
- Grand Orient of Belgium.
- Grand Lodge of Salvador.
- Grand Lodge Swiss Alpina.

By resolution, the Grand Lodge refused to identify itself with the proposed bi-centenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of England.

Hutchinson was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Brother Henry F. Mason was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel by a number of personal friends.

In the latter part of the volume is found a picture of the Appointive Grand Officers taken in group, a fine looking body of men.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Mathew M. Miller makes an excellent report of 163 pages.

Brother Miller wields a graceful pen and we regret that Georgia finds no place in his review.

This from his conclusion:

The absence of discordant notes among the correspondence reviewers has been noticeable. The world is getting better. Even our old friend the Pope, after Masons had been subjected to centuries of lambastings

of various kinds by his predecessors, some of which we are too polite to even mention, in a proper exercise of his infallibility, has given the official sanction of paternal approval to a secret society, and notwithstanding the centuries of bulls, objurgations and denunciations has put the sponge to the slate and wiped out what has been urged and enforced so potently—since the days of the Inquisition—under the pains and penalties of excommunication in this life, as well as the terrible torments of purgatory, or those of the place of which it is ante-chamber, in the life to come. Brother Jasper said fearlessly, "The world do move." Pope Urban sent Galileo before the Inquisition for enunciating the same sublime truth, but it remained for the present infallible Pope to demonstrate that after three hundred and forty-five years the Roman Catholic Church has learned something from the march of events.

Most Worshipful Fred Washbon, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY—1908.

One Hundred and Eighth Annual.

October 20.

LOUISVILLE.

Present: Most Worshipful Henry P. Barret, Grand Master; twenty-one Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 534 Lodges.

Portraits of Henry P. Barrett, Grand Master 1907-8, and of Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master, 1908-9, embellish the Proceedings.

The Grand Master's address contains words of cheer for the brethren

The year just finishing, with all of its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and failures, with its commercial depressions and its abundant harvests, marked, I regret to say, by more of hatred, strife and lawlessness within the confines of our otherwise proud old Commonwealth than it has known since the dark days of the Civil war, has, none the less, been one of the most prosperous years in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction.

From all quarters comes the almost unvarying report from the Lodges of increased membership, enhanced interest in all things Masonic, and that peace and harmony universally prevail. I am also delighted to report to you that nothing has happened to disturb the comity heretofore enjoyed between this Grand Lodge and its sister Grand Lodges of the United States.

We reproduce three of the six decisions rendered:

1. A member has been suspended for non-payment of dues for over

two years. He petitions in the regular manner, and the amount of his dues for which he was suspended accompanied the petition. Petition being rejected upon ballot, should the money be refunded to him?

Held: It is necessary for the suspended brother to first pay all dues before it would be proper for the Lodge to even receive his petition. The dues for which he was suspended stand as a just debt from him to the Lodge which he owes, and should pay whether he be reinstated or not.

2. Can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for a number of years, presumably over two, and who is now engaged in running a whisky house, be reinstated in his Lodge?

Answer—No.

6. Can ministers of the gospel, also engaged in other pursuits, be declared free members under Article 11, Section 8, of the Constitution?

Held: Ministers of the gospel under this Section are such as are regularly engaged in this high calling, and, unless physically incapacitated, such as have a regular charge. The fact that it is necessary to supplement their meager salaries in other ways would be no bar from being declared free members of the Lodge.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, one of the Representatives was reported as being at the door drunk and disorderly. Promptly, the offending brother was suspended as Master of his Lodge, and a commission appointed to take evidence. The Grand Master thus disposed of the matter:

This commission reported to me that the Master under charges personally appeared before them, waived formality and entered a plea of guilty. He further stated that some years ago he was addicted to drink, but for a number of years past he had made a hard fight against the use of any intoxicants, and for a period of three years prior to the act complained of he had not touched intoxicants of any kind; that he is a regular practicing physician, and while in attendance at the last session of the Grand Lodge he met many of his old friends among the physicians who were in attendance at the State Medical Association, and in a moment of weakness fell. He felt deeply humiliated at having again succumbed to his old enemy, and particularly so at this time, and asks that the mantle of charity be thrown over his frailties, and he be given one more opportunity to vindicate his character as a man and a Mason.

These facts being substantiated by the officers and members of his Lodge and with the concurrence of the commission, as well as Past Grand Master Veach, I on November 20, 1907, terminated his suspension and reinstated him as Master of his Lodge, basing my act purely on grounds of Masonic charity.

The Grand Master did right. "The greatest of these is charity."

Thirteen Lodges were constituted under charter, and twelve more were organized under dispensation.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$39,899.63.

The Grand Secretary's report shows: total Lodges, 533; total membership, 32,770; net increase in membership, 1,461; free members, 826.

The Committee on Henry Clay monument reported that the Legislature had appropriated \$10,000 for repairs on the monument.

The Committee on Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home made a favorable report. Expenses per capita, \$127.55, which the Committee claims is less than that of any similar institution in the State.

It is certainly less than the per capita cost of any other Masonic Home, whose report we have examined.

Brother James A. Hodges, who had served as Assistant Grand Secretary for twenty-three years, lost his office because the new Constitution provides that all officers of the Grand Lodge must be permanent members.

Here are some provisions of the new Constitution:

Past Masters shall have one vote collectively; blank or printed ballots shall not be counted in any election; the Grand Master's salary shall be \$300 with necessary stationery; the degree of Past Master shall not constitute a part of the installation of the Master-elect of a Lodge.

The Constitution has made an improvement on the Ancient Landmarks by declaring that a candidate for the degrees must be a *white* man, freeborn, etc.

And yet they tell us these "Landmarks" are as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and cannot be changed in any particular.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother William W. Clarke, as usual, makes a fine report.

Under Georgia, he says Grand Master Meyerhardt "appropriately and beautifully introduces his report."

He is under the erroneous impression that the Grand Master's decisions are not subject to review. The decisions must be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence with the Grand Lodge as final arbiter.

We endorse the following, found in Brother Clarke's conclusion:

There is, however, one tendency, plainly observable, to which atten-

tion should be called, and against which a voice should be raised. We allude to the disposition, manifest in every jurisdiction, to legislate on every conceivable subject, the result of which is not only the multiplication of unnecessary and, in some instances, as might be expected, the enactment of vicious laws, but the extinction of every vestige of right and privilege of the subordinate Lodges, and the centralization of all authority in the Grand Lodge. If a halt is not called, the time is not distant, we fear, when the sole function of subordinate Lodges will be to make Masons.

Most Worshipful Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA—1909.

Ninety-seventh Annual.

February 1, 1909.

NEW ORLEANS.

Present: Right Worshipful N. B. Null, Acting Grand Master; six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 161 Lodges.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Past Grand Master Edwin Marks, 1879-1880.

The Grand Master makes a favorable report on the condition of the Order in his State:

I am afforded considerable pleasure in stating that the condition of the Order in the State is better than it has been for some time, and that we are steadily growing numerically and that dispensations have been issued and new Lodges instituted in localities where each has a fair field for work and should be the nucleus for thriving bodies before several years. The many favorable comments that are made upon the quality and effectiveness of the work as rendered by the Lodges speak volumes in favor of both Grand Lecturers, who have been untiring in their efforts to raise the standard.

The sum of \$2,727 was expended for the relief of indigent Master Masons, their widows, and orphans.

\$1,000 was transmitted for the relief of the earthquake sufferers on the Island of Sicily.

Fourteen special dispensations were issued.

Three were refused: Permission to circulate a letter of appeal among the Lodges of the State asking for aid to build a Masonic hall; asking for permission to have a banquet and dance for the purpose of raising funds to replenish Lodge treasury; to hold a public installation on Sunday.

What is the position or relation to the fraternity of a dimitted Mason who had renounced Masonry after such dismission? Can he be tried for doing so? Ruling: Even if the brother did renounce Masonry, and proof could be brought forward that he had done so, which would be difficult in any instance, no Lodge would have jurisdiction, as Masonry does not presume to exercise control over the consciences of men.

Asking if a brother has the right to decline an election to office. Masonry requires the best service, and such as can only be obtained by the voluntary acquiescences of the individual, and no officer is fixed permanently in his position until he has been regularly installed and obligated to perform the duties; I so directed Doric Lodge.

Upon the question of an objection being raised to the installation of an officer-elect, I ordered the installation to be proceeded with, reserving the right to the objecting brother to make known his reasons to the Master at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The three foregoing decisions were approved.

A certain brother was tried by the Lodge and pleaded not guilty. The charges were not sustained. Upon a trial before the courts for the same offense, he acknowledged his guilt. The Grand Master decided that he must be tried again, because he told an untruth.

A knotty question, for it is a well-established principle of law that a man cannot be tried twice for the same offense.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$55,882.50.

Ten chartered Lodges were constituted during the year, and seven more were organized under dispensation.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 12,414; net gain, 557.

Having discovered that some of the Lodges were not accepting the established esoteric work, upon recommendation of the Committee on Work, it was resolved that no Worshipful Master or Warden be installed into office until he had submitted to an examination and proven his ability to open a Lodge and confer the three degrees correctly.

Another resolution from Committee on Work:

Be it Resolved, That whenever a Lodge has more than one candidate for the Master Mason's degree, at one and the same communication, it is left optional with the Master of the Lodge whether the second section of the degree shall be conferred in its entirety upon each candidate, or whether all of the candidates except the last shall be raised in a summary or short method. But in any event, the lecture of the degree, its legend, symbolism and significance, shall be given before the formal charge is read. We submit the above resolution and move its adoption.

Recognition was accorded the following Grand Lodges: Hamburg, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Three Globes of Berlin, Royal York of Prussia, Saxony, Chile, Grand Countries Lodges at Berlin, The Sun at Beyruth, Zur Eintracht of Hesse, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, The Netherlands, Porto Rico, Valle de Mexico, Oaxaca, Nuevo Leon, Cosmos of Chihuahua, and San Salvador.

Intercourse was withdrawn from the Federal District of Mexico for invading the Jurisdiction of Texas.

From the Committee on Work:

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Providing that every Master Mason made after the date of its adoption, be compelled to submit to an examination before the Lodge, within thirty days after the degree was conferred, this examination to be as complete in its scope as that for the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, and to the satisfaction of the Lodge. On motion, this resolution was duly adopted.

From the instructive address of Grand Orator, Brother C. C. Kramer, this extract is taken:

There can never be any conflict between Masonry and Religion. They are sisters of a divine consanguinity. As I have been endeavoring to trace the development of Masonic truth, so it shall not be my purpose to evolve religious thought in man from its humblest origin. Much of this evolutionary process of Masonry and Religion is the same and often we find them inter-explanatory. Man's religious faith is born of man's human necessities. When man makes his first discovery of himself, it is a self of imperfections and limitations. The boundary of the finite touches the Infinite. Though man cannot "find out the Almighty unto perfection," yet, the wider the expanse of human knowledge and the greater the variety of human experience, the more intelligent will be man's faith in God.

Herbert Spencer has said that in all scientific researches in Ethology, no people have been discovered without a religion. To use his own language, he calls this, "the omnipresence of religious beliefs." Fetishism saw a god in every object. Polytheism beheld a god in every class of objects. Monotheism reveals the One God over all and in all. We thus have in the progressive advance of man's intelligence an ever-clarifying perception of the All Father.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Herbert C. Duncan makes a report of 126 pages. Nearly the whole of his review under Georgia is taken up with extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

Most Worshipful I. E. Thomas, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

MAINE—1909.

Ninetieth Annual.

May 4.

PORTLAND.

Present: Most Worshipful Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master, ten Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 189 Lodges.

Brother Bial F. Bradberry, the Representative of Georgia, responded at roll-call.

The Grand Master's annual address disclosed the fact that the past year had been one of "peace and harmony."

The year last past has been a prosperous one, not so much as some that have preceded it, but the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction is at present, 27,864, a gain of 508, and while we have not gained greatly, let us hope that the high standard has been maintained. I think you will agree with me when I say that too much care cannot be exercised in the material we receive into the Order.

One new Lodge was created by dispensation.

Thirty-two Special Dispensations were issued. Of these twenty-five were to attend divine services in commemoration of St. John's Day.

No decisions are recorded.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer \$8,530.87.

The Grand Secretary reports average Lodge membership one hundred and thirty-eight.

On the evening of the second day, the Third Degree was conferred upon a candidate by Deering Lodge, assisted by the Temple Quartet of Lewiston.

This resolution was passed:

Resolved, That after all the Lodges shall have furnished their histories to the present time, it shall be their duty once in ten years, commencing in 1870, to furnish their history for the preceding decade, or so much as shall be lacking.

Four new Lodges received charters.

The Charity Fund amounts to \$52,892.06, from which an income of \$2,383, is derived.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Albro E. Chase presents an admirable report covering the proceedings of 53 Grand Lodges.

Georgia for 1908 is treated with due consideration.

He quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Jeffries and also from the report of this writer.

Most Worshipful Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master.

Right Worshipsul Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA—1909.

Thirty-fourth Annual.

June 9.

WINNIPEG.

Present: Most Worshipful Henry J. Pugh, Grand Master, eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 34 Lodges.

Brother Thomas L. Morton, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

From the exordium of the Grand Master's address we quote :

Time pursues its ceaseless course, year after year is ushered into being, lives its brief span of existence and then passes forever into the shades of the irreclaimable past. The addition to the world's age is recorded in the new figures we write in each successive year, and reminds us that we too are journeying on, step by step, in that ceaseless forward march which ever brings us nearer, with unchanging pace, to the terminus reached at last by all mankind. These annual meetings serve as mile post to indicate the distance we have traveled, and as we look back some of us now count a good many of these marks we have passed on the road, since we first joined our brethren of Grand Lodge in our June assemblies.

He attributes much of the "success, prosperity and growth of the Order" to "the active zeal and unselfish labors" of the District Deputy Grand Masters."

During the year, five new Lodges were created by dispensation.

According to the report of the Grand Master, Freemasonry was never more flourishing in his Jurisdiction.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Past Grand Master S. P. Matthewson was presented with a jewel in place of one that was burned.

Balance and receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$5,355.08.

Charters were issued for the formation of three new Lodges.

Twenty-five dispensations were granted to attend Divine Service.

Total membership, 4,554; net increase, 306.

The Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in traveling and other expenses.

Most Worshipful James D. Baine, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND—1908.

The frontispiece is an engraving of the temporary meeting place of the Lodges after the fire of January 17, 1908.

There was a due representation of Lodges with Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, presiding.

The Grand Master in his address notes the destruction of the Temple, but holds out a note of encouragement for the future :

The destruction of the Temple by fire for the second time during my Grand Mastership is indeed a great calamity ; but, fortunately, we were fully insured, and the loss to the Fraternity will be only in the discomfort of not having our own home for the meetings of our Lodges in the City of Baltimore and for the Grand Lodge during the period of rebuilding.

Whilst the destruction of the Temple by fire and by water is practically complete ; yet, owing to the splendid service of our fire department and the salvage corps, much of our furniture and all our records were saved, but the building was so thoroughly damaged by water, that the Board of Managers very wisely decided to erect it entirely new, with the exception of the walls and the front ; and, in order to take care of the future, will add another story. This will result in the enlargement of all our lodge rooms, and in addition, give us a number of committee rooms and one additional large lodge room ; so that when the building is completed, it will be ample for the growth of the Fraternity for the next twenty-five years.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$29,438.89.

The annual Communication was held at Baltimore, November 17, 1908, with the Representatives of 113 Lodges.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$20,997.61.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

An Emergent Communication was held at Mount Washington, December 19, to lay the corner-stone of Mount Washington Public School.

Charters were granted to two new Lodges.

Brother Shryock was elected Grand Master for the twenty-fourth time. There seems to be not much chance for promotion in this Jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Edward T. Schultz makes an able report of 132 pages, in which Georgia for 1907 is reviewed with due courtesy.

As a blind man, Brother Schultz can see more clearly than most men with eyes.

He gets us into a tight place every year.

He quotes this dispensation from Grand Master Meyerhardt: "To Clinton Lodge to confer Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees at a called Communication without *examination or ballot*."

The Brethren had probably already been elected and the Grand Master meant no election for proficiency would be required.

Most Worshipful Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William M. Isaac, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS—1908.

Portraits of Grand Master John A. Blake and John Rowe, Grand Master, 1768, adorn the Proceedings.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Boston, June 10, with Grand Master John A. Blake in the Grand East.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master presented the pen with which the Lieutenant-Governor signed the Act passed by the General Court "Relative to the Fraudulent Use of Names, Titles or Common Designations of Fraternities, Societies and Unions," being set forth in full in the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for March last.

A Special Communication was held at Malden to lay the corner-stone of the First Parish Universalist Church.

A Quarterly Communication was held September 9.

After service of twenty-seven years as Recording Grand Secretary, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson resigned his office, to serve as Grand Lodge Historian.

Grand Master Blake says of innovations :

The noble contention or rather emulation among the Brethren as to who best can work is worthy of commendation. I desire to call attention, however, to the fact that certain practices have been condemned in the past as clearly innovations and not warranted by our Grand Constitutions. One of these is the use of the stereopticon, which one of my predecessors upon his own responsibility ordered to be discontinued wherever he had known it to be used. Another is the clothing of Fellow Crafts in ancient and unusual garb, as to which, in 1896, the following vote was adopted : "That the Grand Lodge order the discontinuance in this Jurisdiction of the costuming of the Fellow Crafts."

The Stated Communication was held December 29.

Present : Most Worshipful John H. Blake, Grand Master, and four Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Feast was observed as usual with music and speeches.

The following regular toasts were honored : to the memory of the Holy Saints John ; "to the memory of our Illustrious Brother, George Washington ;" "to the Prosperity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ;" "to the memory of our departed Brethren ;" "to the Craft wheresoever dispersed on the face of the earth."

The brethren all joined in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The Communication then closed.

Most Worshipful Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Thomas W. Davis, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—1909.

Sixty-fifth Annual.

May 25.

DETROIT.

Present : Most Worshipful Herbert Montague, Grand Master, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 398 Lodges.

A portrait and biography of Grand Master Arthur M. Hume, adorn the pages of one of the most attractive volumes we have yet seen. A summary of his official acts as shown in his annual address, discloses the fact that the Grand Master fully appreciated the duties of his high office.

Nine corner-stones were laid and eighteen halls were dedicated.

Six new Lodges were formed under dispensation.

Laying the corner-stone of the Federal Building at Grand Rapids was a notable occasion. A splendid engraving of the scene appears in the Proceedings.

Brother Winsor, Grand Secretary, having been taken critically ill at his home in Reed City, the Grand Master made arrangements for the celebrated Dr. Barth of Grand Rapids to visit him on a special train. This prompt action of the Grand Master probably saved his life. The Grand Lodge paid all expenses. Dr. Barth refused any pay for his services.

In the conclusion of his address, the Grand Master shows a proper conception of the duties incident to his position :

My understanding of the duties of Grand Master is that he should not only be the friend and confidant of the Worshipful Masters of the constituent Lodges, but that in his constructions of Masonic law and practice he should endeavor (so far as possible) to put himself in their places, remembering always that we are brothers, traveling upon the same level, That the decisions of the Grand Master (based, as they most frequently are upon *ex-parte* statements of fact,) should fall short of meeting the exigencies of every case, goes without saying ; and while my failures in this line, no doubt have been numerous, yet I assure you that the errors have been of the head, and not of the heart.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$31,638.79.

Allowances for the Grand Master's office, \$1,459.33.

Allowances for Grand Secretary's office, \$4,191.19.

The Grand Lecturer held 140 schools of instruction during the year. Total in attendance, 16,661.

Cost of maintenance Masonic Home, \$10,988.10; averaging weekly per capita cost \$3.76.

A Past Grand Master's jewel and apron were presented to retiring Grand Master Herbert Montague.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Lon B. Winsor thus begins his report: "I herewith submit my sixty-sixth annual report."

From looking at his portrait in the Michigan Proceedings, we had no idea our Brother had attained an age so venerable, but sometimes appearances are deceptive. In spite of the weight of years, he makes an interesting report.

Georgia for 1908 receives more than four pages.

He says of Grand Master Jeffries :

He appears to be a very worthy successor of the eloquent Brother Max Meyerhardt, and we have a continuance of the eloquent preludes to the annual reports that we have been accustomed to read for so many years during the regime of Grand Master Meyerhardt.

He quotes largely from Grand Master Jeffries' annual address.

He also reproduces our conclusion on the subject of "Perpetual Jurisdiction."

Referring to the report of the Trustees of our Masonic Home, he says Michigan heads the list in per capita maintenance, it being in Michigan \$294.99 and in Georgia \$211.90.

We hope our venerable brother may live many years to enlighten and encourage us.

Most Worshipful Arther M. Hume, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Lon B. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI—1909.

Ninety-first Annual.

February 15.

MERIDIAN.

Present: Most Worshipful Edwin J. Martin, Grand Master, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 250 Lodges.

Brother Oliver L. McKay, the Representative of Georgia, was on hand.

The benevolent countenance of Grand Master-elect, Wiley F. Clifton appears in the Proceedings.

This from the Grand Master's forcible address :

If we are to continue to be at the making of greater peace, happiness and prosperity, we must look well to the selection and training of

raw material. While there are a lot of near-men always striving for admission, and while there are a lot of parasites awaiting a footing on which to build a resplendent foliage, good institutions attract good men and nobility, unity of purpose and concentration of energy to accomplish a well defined ideal brings forth each day a worthy candidate for the honors and responsibilities of Freemasonry. It is to this new member we should give our support and our aid. He needs it. Let us see that his first impression of this institution are not tempered with a later lukewarmness, for it is to him that we will leave our heritage. The older generation is rapidly passing away. Each year death claims a few more and soon there will be left only the memory of the brothers that have brought together from out the turmoil of civil strife, a harmonious, united institution. The new members will in their turn meet adversities and will need all of their strength to carry forward the work which is begun and will be inaugurated. Let us strive to impart the true Masonry, the ideal conception, so that when at last our call shall come to sit in that Celestial Lodge above, we may leave upon this Grand Lodge of Mississippi the impress of our stewardship, departing with a calmness and peace, knowing that our sons and brothers will carry on its work, striving ever for a true and perfect brotherhood, which is the aim of every good Mason.

Eight new Lodges were constituted, and ten more were organized under dispensation.

Some Special Dispensations were refused :

Declined to authorize a Lodge to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a brother, for the reason our laws make no provision for the election of a Treasurer.

Declined to authorize a Lodge to elect a Worshipful Master to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Master ; the law providing that the Senior Warden shall discharge the duties.

Declined dispensation to a Lodge to receive the application of a candidate, a most worthy man, but who could not read nor write.

Declined dispensation to retake ballot, because the request was not authorized by vote of the Lodge.

Declined dispensation to John A. Quitman Lodge to receive the petition of a Minister of the Gospel, who had not resided in the Jurisdiction twelve months as required by Section 4, of the Rules and Regulations.

Declined dispensation to Mooresville Lodge to advance an Entered Apprentice who cannot read nor write.

Declined dispensation to Slaughter Lodge to receive petition of a candidate who has not resided in the Jurisdiction twelve months as required by the Rules and Regulations.

Declined dispensation to certain brethren to form a new Lodge at Johnathan, it being withing less than ten miles from Leakesville Lodge, Johnathan not being an incorporated town.

Declined dispensation to retake ballot in a case where a member ac-

knowledgeed casting a black ball while under the influence of whiskey. I advised the Lodge to close their doors against drunken members and avoid such troubles.

The Grand Master recommended that the old veterans, whether of the Southern or Northern armies, who were soldiers and did service in the Civil War, be exempt from the further payment of dues in that Grand Jurisdiction.

Of the Home he says :

The Home is well built, a magnificent structure just north of the city of Meridian, on a high elevation overlooking the city and surrounding country. It can be seen for miles from the east, south or west. It is surrounded by trees of natural growth, oak, pine, hickory, gum, maple and many other trees natural to our common forest. The scenery is grand and the magnificent well-proportioned building gives the Home and all its surroundings a real home-like appearance.

As a matter of interest to the Masons of Georgia, we give the correspondence between the Grand Masters of Mississippi and New Jersey on the subject of Negro Masonry in the latter State. New Jersey will not grant a charter to a Lodge composed of negroes, but white Lodges are allowed to affiliate negroes if so disposed. Only one Lodge has ever received negroes into its membership, and this is the Lodge over which the controversy has arisen.

MERIDIAN, MISS., August 22, 1908.

MR. WILLIAM D. WOLFSKEIL, Grand Master of Masons,
Elizabeth, N. J.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR :

I have heard that there is a Lodge in your Grand Jurisdiction composed of negroes, and that your Grand Lodge permits the initiation and affiliation of negroes as Masons.

I will thank you to advise me if this is true.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN J. MARTIN,
Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEW JERSEY,
Elizabeth, N. J.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :

Yours of August 25th, advising me that negroes are initiated and affiliated in your Grand Jurisdiction is received.

Our Grand Lodge holds differently. Masonry never contemplated that her privileges should be extended to a race morally and intellectually totally incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume or have conferred upon them in a Masonic Lodge. It is no answer that

there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We legislate for the race and not for the exceptions.

We hold that affiliation with negroes is contrary to the teachings of Masonry and dangerous to the interest of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Therefore I, E. J. Martin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Mississippi, do order that Fraternal correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be and is hereby discontinued until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey shall see fit to desist from her present practice of initiating or affiliating negroes as Masons.

With my best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN J. MARTIN,

Grand Master.

Upon the receipt of this letter Grand Master Martin of Mississippi discontinued fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and gives this reason for his action: "Masonry never contemplated that her privileges should be extended to a race morally and intellectually totally incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume or have conferred upon them in a Masonic Lodge. It is no answer that there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We legislate for the race and not for the exceptions."

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$22,443.98.

The good work of the Order of the Eastern Star was endorsed.

Columbus was chosen as the next place of meeting.

\$300 was allowed the Grand Master for incidental expenses.

The recommendation of the Grand Master exempting Confederate soldiers from the payment of dues was not adopted.

Here are two decisions from the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Question 4.—The members of X Lodge suspect a brother to be guilty of selling whiskey and appoint a committee to wait on him. He acknowledges that he has been doing so, but promises to refrain from so doing again. Has the Lodge the right to condone this offense, or should it prefer charges and expel the brother.

Answer.—The Lodge has no right to condone the offense. Charges should be preferred, and his own confession should result in a conviction, and when convicted the penalty should be imposed.

Question 6.—A member of a Lodge has been guilty of offenses that would justify it, if it could get the evidence in expelling him, but it cannot obtain the evidence without self-incrimination on the part of the accused, and of interested parties. The Lodge has known for sometime that the accused has been guilty of selling whiskey, but for the above reason, could do nothing with him. The Committee on Complaints and Offences has at last gotten a statement from a reliable white man, who is not a Mason, to the effect that he has, on several occasions, bought whiskey from the accused, but the witness does not remember the dates of the purchases. The Committee wishes to know whether or not it can prosecute the accused before the Lodge, and can the Lodge convict on that kind of evidence? Is the date of the sales essential?

Answer.—(1) The date of the sale of the whiskey is not essential. It is not necessary to allege in the specifications the date or when the whiskey was sold, or to whom it was sold, but it is necessary to prove, by evidence, that the sale was made after the accused became a Mason.

(2) The accused can be prosecuted before the Lodge on the testimony of a profane. The testimony of the profane can be taken in writing out of the Lodge, but the accused must have notice of the time and place when the testimony will be taken, so that he may be present in person or by counsel to cross-examine the witness.

(3) The evidence, when thus taken, can be submitted to the Lodge, and it must be the judge of its competency and sufficiency. If the Lodge believes, from the evidence, that the accused is guilty, it can convict.

With impressive ceremonies, the new Masonic Home at Meridian was dedicated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

His third report consisting of ninety-two pages, is made by Brother Harry T. Howard.

Georgia is accorded less than one page.

Of Grand Master Meyerhardt, he says: "Aveatque Voile, Brother Max! Thy seven years of marching through Georgia has only been equaled by one: General Sherman back in the sixties." The latin in the paragraph we understand, but the meaning in the rest of it is beyond the dull comprehension of this writer.

Most Worshipful Wiley H. Clifton, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frederick Speed, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI—1908.

Eighty-eighth Annual.

September, 29.

ST. LOUIS.

Present: Most Worshipful John T. Short, and the Representatives of 387 Lodges.

Fine pictures of Grand Master Short and of the Allen McDowell monument adorn the Proceedings.

Brother Milton H. Price, Grand Master of Tennessee, was received as a distinguished visitor, with the usual honors.

The Grand Lodge convened in the magnificent Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The Grand Master declared that the year had been one of "harmony and good will," and the progress made had been "beneficial and lasting."

Nine Lodges were constituted under charter, and eight more were organized under dispensation.

Fourteen corner-stones were laid, for the most part of churches and school buildings.

The Grand Master made no decisions, but answered all questions by reference to the by-laws.

The Grand Secretary's report shows: Number of chartered Lodges 593; total membership 47,430; net gain in membership, 1,937.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$49,936.59.

The Grand Lodge visited the Masonic Home in the afternoon.

Brother I. W. Eward, Grand Orator, delivered a most instructive address on the theme "Freemasonry of the Present." We make room for one extract:

Our history reaches back through the ages, until it is lost in the darkness of antiquity. Not by accident has it survived so long, but because of the eternal law that the inherent principles of righteousness shall endure. No lesson taught by the Craft is more true or more beautiful than that all lessons of knowledge and righteousness lead to God. Our Order is not a religious one, but "this beautiful system of morals veiled in allegories and illustrated by symbols" leads us to revere the same infinite and eternal Being to which religion binds our hearts.

America must ever stand for the highest in Freemasonry, for in our country better than any other place on earth is it possible for us to meet upon the level; and because of this fact we ought the more "to walk up-

rightly in our several stations before God and man," and square our every action toward another "by the square of virtue." As Masons we owe a duty to our country, because of the fundamental Masonic rights guaranteed to us. We should look well to the *establishment* of the real and true lessons that we teach.

A vote of thanks was extended to Brother Robert McCulloch, General Manager of the United Railways of St. Louis, who furnished free of charge ample transportation to members of the Grand Lodge, who desired to visit the Masonic Home.

No action was taken upon petitions for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Greece, Brazil, Cosmos of Chihuahua, and Italy.

Retiring Grand Master, John T. Short was presented with a jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Although prepared under difficulties, Brother Rufus E. Anderson makes an admirable report.

Georgia for 1907 receives due consideration in a review of more than four pages. Under the head of "Dispensations," he says :

Of these thirty-seven were issued. A large number were for laying corner-stones, while quite a number were for conferring degrees out of time, a custom which we can not endorse. There possibly might be an emergency which would justify it, but it would have to be an extreme case where the conferring of the three degrees on one candidate at the same communication was permitted. No wonder we have so many Masons who cannot work themselves into a Lodge.

Under Indiana, he says :

In his review of Georgia he closes it by saying: "If our scholarly Brother wouldn't consider it impertinent we would like to ask him: 'What are the "Ancient Landmarks," and where can they be found?' and to our surprise, Brother Moody replies: 'Please ask us something easier, Brother McDonald.'"

We beg leave to refer both of these learned Brethren to Mackey's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry, page 439, where the twenty-five Landmarks are given.

If Mackey, like our friend the Pope, were infallible, that would settle the matter, but unfortunately, no two writers can agree. According to the Ancient Landmarks as laid down by Mackey, a man must be physically perfect before

he can be eligible to the degrees in Masonry, and yet most of our Grand Lodges have said that a candidate is eligible, if he can comply with the requirements of the ritual.

Most Worshipful R. R. Kreeger, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John R. Parson, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1909.

Fifty-sixth Annual.

January 20.

ST. PAUL.

Present: Most Worshipful William P. Roberts, Grand Master; twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 247 Lodges.

Brother William B. Patton, the Representative of Georgia, responded at roll call.

Grand Master Roberts, whose portrait occupies the initial page, gives a complete summary of his official acts.

Past Grand Master Nathan C. Givin, of Wisconsin, was escorted into the hall by all the Past Grand Masters, and was received with the Grand Honors.

During the year, two Lodges were constituted under charter, and three more were organized under dispensation.

The Grand Master had visited nearly all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction, and had found them for the most part in prosperous condition.

He advises greater caution in the examination of visitors:

Wherever I have visited, I have tried to impress the necessity of greater care, than is ordinarily taken, in the examination of visitors. The land is full of scheming travelers today, who are inclined to use every method possible to advertise themselves, and to forward the objects—often not disclosed directly—of their presence in a given community. Such persons are smart enough to well know the help and assistance of a Masonic introduction, and so they seek such introductions through the Lodge very often. Examining committees, therefore, should everywhere consist of two or more, and at least one of the committee should be some old and well informed Mason who is able to repeat the "oath," in case the visitor cannot, and should know how to ascertain whether the visitor is a regular Mason.

A large number of decisions—eighty-three in all—are recorded. We reproduce some of these:

1. A traveling man's legal home after marriage is where his wife

lives and where she is supported by him, and to which place he returns when his business permits, although that business may keep him elsewhere the greater part of his time, unless such man has continued to claim his residence where it was before marriage, in another town, and continued to vote there, and his wife for convenience simply continues to live with her own parents, in which case his home will be considered where he still votes, and his petition for degrees belongs in that place.

9. It is not allowable that Masons or Masonic Lodges, as such, take part in any public anniversary or observance, in church or elsewhere, which is not in the sole control of the Fraternity. The test of the propriety of Lodges participating in public exercises of any kind is that a Symbolic Lodge controls the service or exercise.

10. Either hand may be used in voting.

15. Where an elected officer of a Lodge refuses or declines to accept an election or to be installed, it is competent for the Master to declare that there has been no election, obtain a dispensation for an election and proceed to fill the vacancy thereat.

16. Installation is necessary in Masonic usage to consummate an election. Masonry does not require a brother to accept an office.

41. No discussion of a candidate's character or fitness as material for Masonry can be permitted after the report of a committee and pending a ballot thereon.

42. A Lodge may by By-Law regulate the time it will allow a candidate for the degrees of Masonry to present himself for initiation, as well as the time it will allow him to present himself for advancement. Such law should reasonably provide that the Lodge may extend the time by vote.

62. When a By-Law of a Lodge requires a petition for degrees or membership to be "referred to a committee, of whom a majority shall be resident of the town or village, where the petitioner resides, wherever practicable," the term "wherever practicable" means that, if there are brethren of the Lodge living in such town or village and who are not recommenders of the petitioner, a majority of the investigating committee must be composed of such brethren, and the fact that such brethren may not be present when the petition is read, is no reason that such absent brethren of the Lodge, residing in such town or village, should not be appointed upon such committee, and they must be, to comply with said By-Law.

73. A Mason who is now engaged in the sale of intoxicants as a beverage, (as by tending bar, or otherwise) is guilty of unmasonic conduct and is subject to charges, investigation, trial and discipline.

74. The mere fact that a member of the Lodge engages in the retail liquor business, does not affect his Lodge membership, further than to subject him to charges and discipline therefor.

75. No other evidence of a charge of unmasonic conduct specifying the tending of a saloon bar, is necessary than to prove that fact.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$14,280.02.

Receipts of Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$7,285.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodges of Utah and Connecticut.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated to pay the Grand Master's expenses during the year.

We quote the teachings of Masonry as found in Grand Orator William C. Odell's instructive address:

It teaches man to square his actions by the square of virtue, and to keep his passions within due bounds with all mankind.

It teaches the equality of all men before God and before the Law, and the obligation resting upon all men to obey the moral law.

It teaches the exercise of that toleration which grants to others the same right to entertain and express opinions which one claims for himself.

It teaches respect for and obedience to the civil government and the laws under which we live.

It teaches the cultivation and practical application of that broad charity which "thinketh no evil," and bestows its bounties upon the needy with open hand.

It teaches the promotion of "peace on earth," "good will to men."

It teaches that the Holy Bible is given as the rule and guide of faith, and enjoins, in the most solemn manner the study of God's Holy Law as therein written and the practice of its precepts.

In the appendix is found a list of clandestine Lodges: California, 5; Delaware, 1; Illinois, 10; Indiana, 1; Indian Territory, 2; Kentucky, 3; Maine, 2; Maryland, 2; Massachusetts, 28; New Hampshire, 1; New York, 11; Ohio, 47; Oregon, 1; Pennsylvania, 24; Rhode Island, 2; South Dakota, 1.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting report of eighty-seven pages is the good work of Brother Irving Todd.

His summary of Georgia affairs is well executed. He says:

An additional representative was allowed to Lodges for each hundred members or fraction thereof, after the first hundred.

This is an error. Such a resolution was offered, but failed to pass.

When we made the declaration that a man cannot be a Mason and a Roman Catholic at the same time, Brother

Todd says we are mistaken. If our esteemed brother will consult some well informed member of the Roman Catholic Church, he will find that we are not mistaken and that the rule applies, not only to Masons, but to all secret societies.

Most Worshipful Eugene E. Swan, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA—1908.

Fifty-first Annual.

June 9.

OMAHA.

Present: Most Worshipful Ornan J. King and the Representatives of 217 of the 237 chartered Lodges.

Grand Master King, in his address, announces a large measure of prosperity, including ample funds and a great increase numerically. He indulges in some wise remarks, upon which Masons everywhere would do well to reflect:

In reviewing these conditions, however, it is well to call the attention of the several Lodges throughout the jurisdiction to the fact that the great element of strength in a Fraternity like ours consists not so much in the amount of work done as in the quality of the material received and the manner in which the degrees are conferred. Masonry is an institution peculiar unto itself. It follows none, patterns after none, and competes with none. It is an institution founded for the purpose of impressing upon the minds of its members lessons of morality, obedience to law, and the leading of just and upright lives. Every lesson in Freemasonry is intended to impress upon the minds of its votaries the duties they owe to themselves and to others; and the work of the several degrees should be done so as to make the impressions of the sublime lessons and principles as deep and lasting as possible. A small increase composed of the right kind of material is preferable to untold numbers that might in any way be undesirable. It is therefore well to see that none are admitted except such as are after due trial found worthy.

Thirty-two dispensations were issued for sundry purposes, including the formation of six new Lodges.

Four Lodges were constituted under charter.

Ten decisions were rendered. Some of these we quote:

No. 3. An objection to a petitioner for admission must be respected. The Master should declare the petitioner rejected without ballot and order his dimit returned to him. The objection holds, the same as in the case of a petitioner for initiation.

No. 4. It is unmasonic for a Lodge to pay for a public lecture on any subject in a hall, for the purpose of obtaining petitions for initiation.

No. 5. A Lodge of Master Masons opened for the sole purpose of conducting a Masonic funeral should not be called from labor to refreshment before leaving the Lodge room. A Lodge is at labor while conducting the burial service.

No. 9. A member of a subordinate Lodge in another jurisdiction, before being examined for the purpose of visiting a Lodge in this State, must present documentary evidence, not over one year old, attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes.

No. 10. To allow a Lodge to meet in a room over a public dance hall is not for the best interests of Masonry and should not be permitted.

Brethren who desire to visit Lodges in Nebraska, would do well to remember the *sine qua non* contained in No. 9.

Concerning the Masonic Home, the record shows that thirty-eight people were cared for during the year: twenty men, fourteen women, three boys, and one girl. Per capita cost of maintenance, \$230.30.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Action was postponed on the petitions for recognition from the United Grand Lodge of Mexico, Grand Orient of Italy, Grand Lodge of Chile, Grand Orient of Greece, and Grand Orient of Paraguay.

A test was made in the courts concerning the taxation of Masonic property. The Supreme Court decided that said property was exempt from taxation on account of being used for charitable purposes.

A scholarly address was delivered by Brother Roscoe Pound, Grand Orator.

Here is an extract:

My Brethren, we of all men, owe it to ourselves and to the world, to be universal in spirit. Universality is a lesson the whole world is learning and must learn. But we ought to know it well already. We ought to be upon the front bench of the world's school, setting an example to our more backward school-fellows. Wherever in the world there is a Lodge of Masons, there should be a center of the new idea of universality, radiating reason to put down prejudice and advance justice in the disputes of peoples, and making for the peace and harmony that should prevail in this great Lodge of the world.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An admirable report is made by Brother Chas. J. Phelps.

Under Georgia, for 1907, he quotes liberally from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address.

We endorse, under British Columbia, his reply to Brother DeWolf Smith concerning the recognition of Queensland:

He does not see how it can be claimed that the Grand Lodge of Queensland can be said to have been regularly formed. Well, in the first place, it was clearly within the rule recognized in a very large majority of the Grand Lodges in the English-speaking world. The rule: "When it is desired to organize a Grand Lodge, three or more legally constituted Lodges, working in any State, Territory, or other independent political division, where no other Grand Lodge already exists, may meet in convention, adopt By-Laws, elect officers, and organize a Grand Lodge." Every Grand Lodge in the United States, and many in the provinces and colonies of the British Empire, regard this rule. Mackey says that it follows "that adopted, in essential particulars, by the four Lodges which established the Grand Lodge of England in 1717." Inasmuch as "Masonry is a law unto itself," and this rule has been so thoroughly settled and acted upon by many a Grand Lodge throughout the Masonic world, there is little fear that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will be able to uproot it in the selfish interest of either.

Under Valle de Mexico, he says:

The Grand Secretary's report is interesting as also are the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, showing vigilance in every direction to bring Masonry in that Republic up to the standard set in English-speaking countries, after the plan of which their organizations are formed. To this end the Grand Master ordered a circular of instructions to be sent out to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. This circular, published in the Proceedings, ought to prove to any American Mason the good faith of our Mexican brethren. Indeed, many of their Lodges are made up of American Masons, working in the English language. In one Lodge the vote upon the petition of a candidate was taken without allowing the Tyler an opportunity to vote, and for this infraction of the rule, the Grand Master declared the ballot null and void and ordered a new one.

Most Worshipful William A. DeBord, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1908.

Forty-fourth Annual.

June 9.

RENO.

Present: Most Worshipful Robt. Lewers, Grand Master; nine Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-three Lodges.

The smiling countenance of Grand Master Lewers appears in the Proceedings.

The Grand Master exhibited his zeal in visiting his Lodges by making a round trip of 1,700 miles in visiting one of his Lodges.

He had installed the officers of his own Lodge, and among them Brother T. K. Hymers as Treasurer for the thirtieth time.

He makes it clear that Masons are fond of spring chicken as well as Methodist preachers:

At the banquet which was held at the famous Raycraft hotel we exemplified what hungry Masons can do with delicious spring chicken cooked to a turn, tender ham, delightful mince-pie that would not go in Georgia any more, real cream pie, and lemon pie such as you would like to have handed you, three kinds of cake—all good beyond compare—apples and oranges, real cream, and want-more coffee, and so many other good things that the Printing Committee will not let me enumerate them, and all these piled so high on the table that you could not see your vis-a-vis until you had eaten an hour and a half—that was all Brother Farrer allowed us. There was no speechmaking—even Brother Norcross did not want to talk. When No. 12 wants another visit we are willing to go officially or unofficially or on foot.

He gives some potent reasons for the adoption of the card system.

Reno was chosen as the next place of meeting.

On calling the list of Grand Representatives, Brother J. S. Burlingame, the Representative of Georgia, was found to be present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is made by eight brethren, each signing his initials to his own work.

Georgia is not reviewed.

These lines are found in the conclusion:

Legislation against the admission of the liquor seller is growing and growing more involved in its growing. The bookkeeper and the runner of

the engine in the brewery, as well as the holder of stock in a like concern, are down and out. The hauler of the beer from the brewery is in danger, thereby endangering all the trainmen on our railroads, and the sky is threatening around and about the raisers of the barley. The drinker is still standing on safe ground.

Right glad are we that Nevada is still true to the standard of Masonry on the question of temperance, and that the Blue Lodges are allowed to select their material in strict accordance with Masonry's teachings on this subject.

Most Worshipful Frank H. Norcross, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful C. N. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1909.

Forty-fifth Annual.

June 8.

CARSON.

Present: Most Worshipful Charles L. Fulstone, Grand Master; six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-four Lodges.

A Special Communication was held for the purpose of paying the last tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Philip A. Doyle.

The Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the volume, gave a summary of his official acts.

No decisions are recorded.

He visited most of the Lodges in his Jurisdiction.

The year had been fairly prosperous, the total membership being 1,574, a net gain of 129.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,259.23.

The Grand Lodge of Greece was recognized.

A resolution was adopted debarring from membership anyone engaged exclusively in the saloon business, or following the vocation of a gambler.

On the evening of the second day the Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the Committee on Ritual and Standard Work.

No clandestine Lodge will dare claim the signature of a regular Grand Secretary, as for instance, in Ohio there are clandestine Lodges, but none of them dare claim the name of J. H. Bromwell, and yet many clandestines hailing from Ohio endeavor to visit regular Lodges. They will take the test and say they are regular, and under our present system

we go on and examine them, and have doubtless admitted many clandestine Masons in the years gone by and are continuing the possibility of doing the same thing. With the card system, we do not take many chances; under the old we took all the chances. This card, let it be clearly understood, does not admit to the Lodge, as it is intended merely to admit to examination. No written document can admit to the Lodge-room. These cards will not cost very much and they are easily issued. They are infinitely better to carry than the ordinary receipt, and as they show the year they are good, they will materially aid in collecting dues.

Disbursements by Grand Treasurer, \$1,795.82.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Carson City was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Robert Lewers makes a condensed but interesting report.

His review of Georgia consists largely of extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's annual address.

This from the conclusion of his report:

The writer is perforce of circumstances a volunteer reviewer and has done the work because he is a sincere believer in the necessity of having a correspondent report. We learn by observing others and the experiences of other Jurisdictions are always of importance in spreading Masonic light.

We have reviewed all the reports at hand and are sorry that some Jurisdictions are left out because the reports were missing.

We have derived an immense amount of valuable information in running over the reports as carefully as a reviewer must, and have found it of great use in preparing our address as Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Chas. L. Fulstone, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful C. W. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1908.

Forty-first Annual.

August 25.

SAINT JOHN.

Present: Most Worshipful John S. D. Chipman, Grand Master; four Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty Lodges.

Grand Master Chipman, whose portrait makes the frontispiece of the volumes, assured his brethren that "Peace,

Harmony, and Brotherly Love" were prevailing conditions in the Jurisdiction.

Many pleasant and profitable official visitations were made.

The Grand Secretary's report shows net gain in membership, 184.

Forty-one dispensations were issued as follows:

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| To confer degrees at short intervals..... | 22 |
| To elect officers..... | 3 |
| To wear regalia at Divine service .. | 10 |
| To install officers | 2 |
| To hold a Lodge of Instruction | 1 |
| To meet in a public hall..... | 1 |
| To meet as a Lodge and confer degrees..... | 1 |
| To lay corner-stone of Lodge room | 1 |

The rank and dignity of Past Senior Grand Warden was conferred upon Brother J. Twining Hartt in view of faithful service performed by him in the Grand Secretary's office.

Most Worshipful John S. D. Chipman, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—1909.

One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual.

April 21.

TRENTON.

Present: Most Worshipful William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 176 Lodges.

Brother William D. Rutan, the Representative of Georgia, was present.

The Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the volume, delivered an address both eloquent and instructive. We quote from the exordium:

Probably there is no better name for Masonry than the Science of Right Living. Like every other science, moral or physical, in order to be rightly estimated, this must be studied in its history and philosophy.

It has been well said that history scarce furnishes its parallel. Its traces are to be found in the remotest ages and in the most varied conditions of the human family. It exists where other worthy orders have not successfully penetrated, and its claims are respected even where the

superior claims of religion have failed to secure a permanent lodgement. It has withstood the upheaval of revolutions, the devastation of war, the frenzied attacks of fanaticism and the intensity of persecutions, and it "still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light of heaven with not a marble fractured, not a pillar broken."

It stands to-day jeweled with the dews of morning and graced with all the charm of youthful vigor and beauty. Its towers are gilded with the perpetual sunlight of success and the body of its temple redolent with the atmosphere of precious memories.

"Like the sweet South,
That breathes upon a bank of violets,
Stealing and giving odor."

Three new Lodges were constituted, and two were organized under dispensation.

One hundred and two applications for permission to receive upon petitions of persons having visible physical defects were submitted to the Grand Master for decision, eight were granted, and twenty-two refused.

On the question of "perpetual jurisdiction," the Grand Master said:

It is my belief that our position in claiming perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected petitioner, who has acquired a Masonic residence elsewhere, is erroneous.

The Committee on Jurisprudence condemned this decision, but, after a lengthy discussion, the Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master by the adoption of this resolution:

Resolved, That penal jurisdiction shall be retained over rejected petitioners by the rejecting Lodge so long as the rejected petitioner continues to reside within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and penal jurisdiction shall be terminated only by a bona fide removal from the State or the consent of the rejecting Lodge.

Thus New Jersey aligns herself with the most progressive Grand Bodies of the world.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$30,932.10.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows total membership, 29,927; net increase, 1,452.

A report from the Home shows as inmates forty men, nineteen women, ten boys, and twelve girls.

The maintenance fund amounts to \$28,528.61.

Christmas contributions amounted to \$900.49.

It being announced that His Excellency the Governor of New Jersey was without and desired admission, Most Wor-

shipful Brother Joseph W. Congdon, Past Grand Master, retired and introduced Governor John Franklin Fort.

Upon his reception, the Governor addressed the brethren in eloquent language.

It being announced that Most Worshipful Henry I. Bears, Jr., Grand Master, Most Worshipful Thomas J. Day, Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Harry J. Guthrie, Past Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Lewis B. Morrow, Past Grand Treasurer, of Delaware, were without and desired admission, Most Worshipful Brother Josia W. Ewan retired and introduced them, and escorted them to the East where they were received with the Grand Honors.

It being announced that Right Worshipful J. Henry Williams, Junior Grand Warden, Brothers Thomas D. Finletter, Samuel A. Boyle, Robert R. Bringhurst, George Hale, District Deputy Grand Masters, and Brother John A. Perry, Deputy Grand Secretary, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, were without and desired admission, Most Worshipful Brother Walter Chandler retired and introduced them, and escorted them to the East where they were received with the Grand Honors.

The Proceedings contain a fine portrait of Jonathan Belcher, who was a distinguished Mason and Governor of New Jersey from 1747 to 1757.

On the evening of the first day, the esoteric work of the three degrees was exemplified under the direction of the Grand Instructor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An attractive and well arranged report of 150 pages is presented by Brother Robt. F. Shirrefs. Georgia is well treated, Grand Master Jeffries is complimented, and extracts from his annual address find place in the review.

We always reach the report of Brother Shirrefs with genuine pleasure.

Most Worshipful J. Clarence Conover, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Benj. F. Wakefield, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO—1908.

Thirty-first Annual.

October 1.

ALBUQUERQUE.

An Emergent Communication was held June 2, for the purpose of giving Masonic burial to Past Grand Master Elias E. Day.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful J. W. Willson and a constitutional number of Representatives.

Some of the Delegates had come 800 miles.

The Grand Master speaks of prosperous conditions:

The last Masonic year has been one of prosperity for the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Lodges, as a general rule, have been fortunate in having competent and zealous brothers in charge; most excellent work has been accomplished; many new Lodges have been formed; and above all peace and harmony have prevailed, not only between the several subordinate Lodges, but, with few exceptions, among the individual brethren as well.

He says further, "The outlook for the future was never more encouraging."

During the year three Lodges were constituted and six more created by dispensation.

Eleven special dispensations were granted for various purposes, and six were refused. One of these was for permission to confer the degrees on a candidate, who had lost his entire right arm.

Here is one decision rendered:

2. Held that if any member of a Lodge shall express to the Master an objection to the initiation of a candidate, after such candidate shall have been elected, such objection shall be respected; nor shall the objector's identity be revealed nor his reasons be demanded by the Master of the Lodge; but the objection shall be entered of record, and shall stand as a bar against the candidate for the term of one year, unless sooner withdrawn by the objector. The fee, if any, accompanying the petition, shall, in such case, be immediately returned to the petitioner.

These words of the Grand Master should inspire us to nobler efforts:

It devolves upon every Mason to be a good citizen as well as a loyal and devoted brother. He should remember that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to prove himself in every respect a good citizen, for, after all, the way in which he can best do his duty by this Ancient and Honorable Order is by reflecting credit by the manner in which he per-

forms his duty as a citizen of the Union, of the Territory, of the locality, and especially as a neighbor. A Mason's first duty is to his family, for above all things he should be a loyal and loving son, a devoted and faithful husband, and a wise and generous father. The home is the place where the Mason is really needed. This is the place where he proves himself to be a worthy Mason and where he gains the admiration, love and respect, not only of his brethren, but of all people. This is the place where he has an opportunity to do much towards building up and assisting in maintaining the enviable reputation so long enjoyed by this noble Order.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$3,405.

With one exception, reports from all the chartered Lodges were received within the time prescribed by law.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address refused to endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master for the appointment of a Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Brother James H. Wroth presented a minority report on the recommendation that all correspondence between Lodges of different Jurisdictions must be carried on through the office of the Grand Master. Here is what he says:

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, desires to present a minority report. I heartily agree with the report already read, and accept the conclusions of the Committee, save that recommendation of the Grand Master which desires that all correspondence between Lodges of different Jurisdictions must be carried on through the office of the Grand Master.

It is my impression and belief that such matters are an inherent right which no Grand Lodge can take away from its subordinates, and I believe that Masonic history will prove that in the formation of Grand Lodges by subordinate Lodges, this is one of the rights that were not given up by subordinate Lodges, and that legislation in this matter by a Grand Lodge is a violation of the rights of its component members.

With all due respect for Dr. Wroth, we think he was wrong, and so thought the Grand Lodge, for the majority report was adopted. In fact, the plan adopted by New Mexico is the plan adopted by all Grand Lodges as far as we know.

The Grand Master announced that Right Worshipful Brother W. Frank Pierce, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California, was in waiting, and appointed Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters Wroth and Slack a committee to escort him to the Grand Lodge, and was received with Grand Honors.

Past Grand Master Sporleder, and the retiring Grand Master Wilson were presented with Past Grand Masters' jewels.

The brethren of New Mexico are taking active steps to establish a Masonic Home. We admire the spirit which prompts their action, but we have some curiosity to know how a Grand Lodge with a little more than \$3,000 income can maintain a Masonic Home. However, it is none of our business how it is to be done, and we bid them "God Speed."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother James H. Wroth makes a comprehensive report of 120 pages covering the Proceedings of forty-eight Grand Bodies.

Georgia, for 1907, is treated with due consideration in a review of a little more than one page.

Most Worshipful Charles D. Stephens, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1908.

A Special Communication was held at Sydney, July 30, 1907, for the purpose of installing Grand Master Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson.

Grand Master Emory of Victoria was received as a distinguished visitor with the Grand Honors.

Other visiting brethren were Deputy Grand Master J. G. Davies, of Tasmania, Pro Grand Master Binns, of New Zealand, and Past Grand Master Dr. Byrne, of Queensland.

Quarterly Communication September 11, 1907.

Total membership 11,788; net increase 647.

Quarterly Communication March 11, 1908.

The Grand Master referred in feeling terms to the sudden death of Past Grand Master, Lieutenant Colonel Remington.

The sum of \$250 was voted to the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.

Investments and cash balance of Grand Treasurer \$64,300.

Total number of Lodges 213.

Total relief for the quarter \$2,235.

Quarterly Communication, June 10, 1908.

Grand Master Rawson was elected for the fourth time.

Four new Lodges were organized during the year.

The Board of General Purposes recommended that officers attending the installation ceremonies of sister Grand Lodges be paid traveling expenses.

To the credit Fund of Benevolence, \$71,310.

To the credit Grand Lodge Fund, \$96,530.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting report is made by Brother Thos. L. Rowbotham, but we regret to say Georgia finds no place in the review.

Under Idaho, he says:

In the Report on Foreign Correspondence the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales are noticed, but we cannot quite follow what is meant when in comparing Idaho and New South Wales the report says: "In Idaho a man is judged by the effective service he renders the Craft. Gorgeous regalia and high-sounding titles stand for naught." If it is implied that in New South Wales a Mason is judged by his title and regalia rather than by his Masonic work and qualities, we can only assure our brethren of Idaho, with all Fraternal good feeling, that such implication is scarcely merited.

Most Worshipful Admiral Rawson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Arthur H. Bray, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1909.

Present: Most Worshipful S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master, six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 783 Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was visited by:

Most Worshipful Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Right Worshipful John Hoodless, Past District Deputy Grand Master and member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Right Worshipful Alexander C. A. Hagerty, Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England.

Worshipful Alexander Howell, Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants, England.

Grand Master Sawyer, whose handsome portrait adorns the Proceedings, made a forcible and eloquent address, from which we quote :

Human life is transitory—this world of ours is ever changing.

Men come, tarry for a brief span, and are gone.

Cities are builded where, for a time, thousands find peace and happiness ; soon the inevitable course of nature sweeps them away ; for a while their stately ruins stand a monument to the past, then naught remains.

Nations arise ; their armies and their commerce sweep the earth.

Powerful and all-conquering in paths of peace and arts of war, they anticipate their proud position will be maintained till time shall be no more. But others rise ; force them from their eminence ; for a time they remain, then disappear. Their fame lingers in the memory of man for a while ; then even their names are forgotten.

The sea dries up, and little children play in pleasant valleys where once swam the monsters of the deep.

The waters rush in, and the commerce of the world floats over where once were happy homes.

The cloud bends to kiss the mountain's top only to find that in some convulsion of nature its hoary head has disappeared.

The rays of the sun seeking some lowly vale find it not, but in its place a beetling mass of rock high in air.

Unthinkingly we say, in the words of the preacher, "Vanity of Vanities ; all is Vanity."

Forty-five dispensations were issued for sundry purposes.

The sum of \$5,000 was donated to the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

Eight new Lodges were created by dispensation.

According to the declaration of the Grand Master, clandestine Masonry in his Jurisdiction had been materially decreased. These classes of illegitimate Masons are mentioned : one class operated by Darius Wilson, who was expelled from Masonry several years ago ; another class which is the outgrowth of Pinney scheme, which originated in Ohio ; third, a class composed exclusively of negroes working under a Grand Lodge styled, "King Solomon Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

Only one decision is recorded :

A brother, who had been unaffiliated for non-payment of dues, tendered to his Lodge the amount owing, which, after some hesitation, was

accepted and receipt given. He then applied for reinstatement, but was rejected.

Question. Could he apply to any other Lodge for membership?

I held that, having paid in full his indebtedness to his Lodge, his status thereupon became the same as that of one who had paid his dues and been, at his own request, dropped from the roll. That having discharged his obligation to his Lodge, his punishment could not be longer continued; and that if the Lodge did not care to restore him to membership, he was free to apply to any other Lodge for affiliation and could be lawfully received.

This edict was issued :

Now therefore, I, S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, hereby direct, until the further pleasure of the Grand Lodge shall be made known by appropriate legislation, that the name and Lodge of any person presenting himself as a visitor to one of the regular Lodges in this jurisdiction, must be announced in open Lodge, and must either be there vouched for by a member of the Lodge to which he presents himself, or before being examined there must be produced a certificate of his standing in the Lodge of which he is a member, and the regularity of such Lodge must be certified by the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which the Lodge is located, to the end that it may be made impossible for the fraudulent, spurious or clandestine Mason, to receive Masonic recognition in this State.

The Grand Secretary's report shows, total number of Lodges 784; total membership 164,194; net increase 5,993.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer \$199,212.45.

The following salaries were allowed : Grand Pursuivant, \$400; Grand Tyler, \$400; Grand Lecturer, \$2,400; Grand Secretary, \$5,400.

To the credit of the General Fund \$1,099,950.34.

From the report of the Superintendent Masonic Home, we learn that the cost of maintenance was \$75,705.29; average number of inmates for the year 364. This would show the per capita cost of maintenance to be about \$208.

All the officers of the Grand Lodge were re-elected by acclamation.

From the scholarly and instructive sermon delivered by Brother Harry S. Longley, we quote :

If you should ask me what I believe is the greatest sin of our day. I would not say to you that it was some social sin; that it was any civic unrighteousness; that it was any great national sin, but I would say I believe the greatest sin of mankind to-day is that a large majority of men have failed to be true worshippers of God in the temples that are

dedicated to His Holy name. Wendell Phillips had an eloquent lecture on "the lost arts," but one he did not mention, which the American people have lost to a great degree, namely, the art of worship. Hundreds and thousands of men seldom enter the door of a temple of God. When they do come occasionally, why they are so restless and so uneasy? How is it that they go out feeling no satisfaction, and go again only after a long lapse of time? It is because they do not know how to worship God. If the preacher is eloquent, if the music inspiring, they may receive some uplift, but if these conditions do not prevail, there has been no satisfaction from kneeling in God's house to confess their sins, no benefit in listening to the Word of God, no inspiration to stand here and lift up praises to Almighty God. We must reach out in the worship of God with the spiritual powers that God hath given to us.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In the preface to his report, Brother William Sherer conveys the information that requests for recognition from Chili, San Domingo, Greece, and San Salvador were all denied.

In his review of Georgia, he says, Grand Master Jeffries' address is "an excellent paper," and that our report on correspondence is "crisp and meaty."

Besides Grand Lodges in the United States, forty-eight foreign Grand Lodges are reviewed. Among these, is a negro Grand Lodge in Liberia, composed of nine subordinate Lodges.

Most Worshipful S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND—1908.

Nineteenth Annual.

May 6.

AUCKLAND.

Present: Most Worshipful Lord Plunket, Grand Master; one Past Grand Master, and the Representatives of one hundred and forty-six Lodges.

A fine portrait of Provincial Grand Master Oliver Nicholson, adorns the Proceedings.

The Board of General Purposes, having considered the proposal that Grand Lodge should supply all aprons to Lodges at a fixed price, refused to adopt the idea.

Eight new Lodges were constituted during the year.

Lord Plunket was re-elected Grand Master without opposition. From his able address, we quote:

I am satisfied, however, that there is a general, distinct, and increasing wave of feeling towards making Masonry in this territory far more than a mere fraternal, social, and charitable organization. Much greater care is now being exercised in ascertaining a candidate's character before admitting him within the porch, the reproach that our social evenings gave the lie to the principles we professed can but seldom now be made, and the number of young Masons who are not content with accepting Freemasonry merely "as a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," but who are proud to think of it also as a means towards living a just and upright life, bound to others by the cement of brotherly love, self-discipline and self-sacrifice, is a most hopeful sign for our future usefulness.

Weak brethren, careless ones, and even bad, there must be in every community, but if the majority of a Lodge are determined to encourage and honor those who set a high example—even though that majority fear they cannot attain to it themselves—the weak will be strengthened, the careless interested, and the bad improved.

More than \$20,000 stands to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund.

The social features of the Grand Lodge meeting were not neglected, such as a "conversazione and dance," "reception and garden party at the government house," "harbor excursions," &c.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An interesting report is made by Brother Malcolm Niccol—his first.

Half his review of Georgia is occupied with extracts from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address, which he classes as "practical and pyrotechnical." Upon the whole, he does not speak in very complimentary terms of Georgia, and he seems to overlook the fact that American Grand Lodges have Correspondents, some of them perhaps as well posted as himself.

Most Worshipful Lord Plunkett, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Malcolm Niccol, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA—1909.

One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual.

January 12.

RALEIGH.

A portrait of Most Worshipful Fabius H. Busbee, Grand Master 1885-1886, and an engraving of an old flag used in the Revolutionary War and presented to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, adorn the Proceedings.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Samuel M. Gattis, Grand Master; twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 250 Lodges.

The Grand Master in his annual address congratulates his brethren upon the completion of the Temple, and in eloquent language points to the high mission of Masonry:

I congratulate the Masons of North Carolina on the completion of this splendidly equipped edifice, alike an ornament to our Capital City and a credit to the Fraternity throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

This is an age of progress. In every department of human endeavor much is being done. We are only in the first decade of a new century which seems destined to outstrip the last in its wonderful achievements—in science, in art, in inventions and in the accomplishment of great purposes. Our own State is making rapid strides in material advancement in wealth, in education. Masonry must keep step with this onward march. It is our mission to continue the good work of our predecessors in quickening the consciences of men and arousing them to a better realization of the moral forces that go to build character. The possibilities for the practical application of the cardinal principles of Masonry are ever increasing. Freemasonry stands today as the very antipode of selfishness and greed. In the mad rush for gain Masonry points to the higher things that make human beings happier and better. Unless we in a great measure fulfil this noble mission, in aiding the unfortunate, in cheering the faint-hearted, in lending the helping hand to the fallen, and in ministering to the sick and afflicted, in training the orphans, and caring for the indigent and infirm our Order will not hold the high rank it should have among the great forces working for the betterment of humanity.

We reproduce four of the decisions rendered:

Question 4. A man is secretary and treasurer of a whiskey dispensary, does all the buying and has general oversight of the institution, but does not actually engage in dispensing the liquor. Is he eligible for the degrees?

Answer. Yes. His fitness is a matter that must be decided by each member of the Lodge when he comes to ballot. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has in recent years sustained rulings of Grand Master

Moye and Grand Master Clark that the simple fact of selling liquor is no Masonic offense and the Grand Lodge of 1904 (see Proceedings 1904, page 109, and 1905, page 32) having submitted an amendment to the Constitution as follows to the Subordinate Lodges: "Hereafter no man shall be eligible to membership in the Order who is engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors," and this amendment failing to be ratified by a sufficient number of the Lodges, renders this decision mandatory. It is not my province to make or change the law, but to construe it as I find it.

Question 15. What is meant by a "legal summons;" that is, if a Mason is summoned to appear at a Lodge one hundred miles away, is he compelled to go?

Answer. Yes, if within the length of his C. T. What is within the length of his C. T. depends on the circumstances of each case; that is, on the distance to be traveled, necessary expenses of the trip, condition of health, and financial ability of the party summoned.

Question 18. A. and B., members of Investigating Committee, report favorably on petition of applicant for degrees. C., the other member of the committee, reports adversely. Is the petitioner entitled to the ballot? And may C. retire from the Lodge room until the ballot is taken and the result declared?

Answer. (1, Yes; 2, No.) Every petition when reported from committee must be balloted on, and every member present should vote on it. If C. knows enough about the candidate to cause him to make an unfavorable report on his petition it is his duty to vote in accordance with his honest convictions, and no Mason has the right to question his vote.

Question 24. A petition is received, referred and acted on in the regular way and the ballot is "clear." Before presenting himself for the initiation the petitioner commits an act that if done before would have caused his rejection by the Lodge. Can the Lodge demand a new ballot? If not, is there any way it can prevent his initiation?

Answer. There seems to be no warrant for taking a ballot at that stage, but any member of the Lodge has the right, and if the facts are known to him, it is his duty to object to the initiation of the applicant and have his objection noted on the minutes, and, until this objection is withdrawn, he cannot be initiated. No man should be admitted into the Lodge without the unanimous consent of all its members.

Eight new Lodges were created by dispensation, and one charter was restored.

Brother Robert Bingham, Grand Orator, in his fine address, relates this interesting incident:

And I knew a beautiful and unprotected orphan girl who was making a scanty living as a maid of all work in a hotel in a country town where people lived whom I visited. Being overworked, underpaid, and not well treated, she seemed more than likely to fall a prey to evil men; but her

innate virtue protected her, and she had escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler. At length a man (and the more's the pity, a Mason) pursued her so closely that her chances of continued escape in her friendless and helpless condition seemed against her, when a stranger made himself known to her pursuer as a Mason, said to him: "My brother, do you know that that girl is the daughter of a Master Mason?" and the man threw up his hands in horror, and said, "My God! NO." And from that time he became her friend and protector against evil men, and he watched over her as tenderly as her brother could have done, till he saw her happily married to a good and true man.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$14,725.60.

The Grand Secretary's report shows, number of Lodges in Jurisdiction, 369; total membership, 18,940; net gain, 932.

The Superintendent's report shows Oxford Orphans' asylum to be in a satisfactory condition.

Usual statement showing movement of children to and from the institution:

| | GIRLS | BOYS | TOTAL |
|---|-------|------|-------|
| Children on roll November 1, 1907 | 163 | 154 | 317 |
| Error last report | | 1 | 52 |
| | 163 | 153 | 317 |
| Admitted during the year | 20 | 32 | 52 |
| Readmitted | 1 | | 1 |
| | 184 | 185 | 369 |
| From roll during year | 22 | 22 | 44 |
| On roll November 1, 1908 | 162 | 163 | 325 |
| | GIRLS | BOYS | TOTAL |
| Went to own people | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| Went other approved homes | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Went to school | 4 | | 4 |
| Run away | | 3 | 3 |
| | 22 | 22 | 44 |

The announcement was made that Most Worshipful Grand Master J. L. Michie, of South Carolina, was approaching the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master appointed a Special Committee to meet him. He was introduced and received with private grand honors. Appropriate greetings were exchanged, and Grand Master Michie was invited to take a seat in the East.

The Grand Lodge would not make it mandatory, but ex-

pressed a wish that the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge be read in each subordinate Lodge.

The Grand Secretary was directed to inform all Masters of Lodges that all exposes or cipher work of Masonry must be destroyed.

Fifteen Special Communications were held for various purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother John A. Collins makes his thirteenth report, and, as usual, it is a good one.

In a review of two pages, he gives a summary of Georgia affairs. He says:

The address of Grand Master Max Meyerhardt, at the close of his seventh year in the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge is marked by the same beautiful diction and poetic imagery as have been found in his previous papers.

His good opinion of the writer is duly appreciated.

Most Worshipful Samuel M. Gattis, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John C. Drewery, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA—1908.

Nineteenth Annual.

June 30.

FARGO.

Present: Most Worshipful John Riessbeck, Grand Master; nine Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of seventy-seven Lodges.

Some handsome pictures adorn the Proceedings: John Riessbeck, Grand Master 1907-1908; John F. Selby, Grand Master 1891-1892; Robert M. Carothers, Grand Master 1897-1898; Clinton T. Lord, Grand Treasurer, 1898-1908; Masonic Lodge Building at Sheldon; Lodge Building at Hannah; \$50,000 Masonic Temple at Minot; interior view Grand Lodge Library.

In his annual address the Grand Master announced that the past year had been a prosperous one in his Jurisdiction, the number of Lodges having nearly doubled in a little more than a decade.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge was postponed one week

on account of the date conflicting with that of the State primary.

Four Lodges were constituted during the year. Six were created by dispensation.

We quote three of the decisions rendered:

Question. Can a petition for degrees, containing the information that the applicant is not engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors "except as agent for a wholesale liquor house," be properly received?

Answer. No. In the Appendix of Forms is shown the form adopted for a petition of initiation and one of the statements the applicant makes is: "He does not sell intoxicating liquors." No exceptions are made, nor do I believe that a petition can be properly accepted by a Lodge if any are made. I am unable to see any difference in the moral aspect of the question as to whether a person sells liquor at retail, or solicits orders in large quantities as agent for wholesale liquor houses.

Question. Can a Masonic Lodge buy and hold stock in a co-operative institution?

Answer. Yes; a Lodge has the right to invest its surplus funds in any legitimate enterprise.

Question. After an expelled Mason is restored to good standing, can the several obligations be administered on the same night?

If the expelled brother resides elsewhere, can the obligations be administered by the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides or sojourns?

Answer. To each of the foregoing questions my answer was, "Yes."

Disbursements of Grand Treasurer, \$20,285.50.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Committee on Masonic Home reported that the establishment of a Masonic Home, if attempted at all, should only be by Grand Lodges larger than North Dakota, and the amount accumulated was changed to a Masonic Relief Fund.

Tuesday evening, the work of the third degree was exemplified in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, using the stage as accessory to the scenes and incidents of the times in which it was laid.

Most Worshipful Sylvester J. Hill, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA—1908.

Forty-third Annual.

June 10.

YARMOUTH.

Present: Most Worshipful Chas. R. Smith, Grand Master; three Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-four Lodges.

A Special Communication was held at Sydney for the purpose of dedicating the new Freemasons' Hall.

An instructive sermon was preached by Grand Chaplain, Rev. George C. Wallis, from 1 Chronicles 29, 9, under four heads: Introduction; Perfect Ashlar; The Trestle Board; The Square.

The Grand Master thus begins his annual address:

Time, with its never ending rapidity, has brought another annual communication of Grand Lodge, the forty-third in our history. To look back, it seems almost incredible that twelve months have glided swiftly away since our last annual communication, and that the long space of seventeen years have passed into the great beyond since we met with our good brethren in this lovely town of Yarmouth. But such is the velocity of time, being infinite, as is always most apparent to those who look back, that caused the poet to write:

"Time hurries on
 "With a resistless, unremitting stream.
 "Yet treads more soft than e'er did midnight thief,
 "That slides his hand under the miser's pillow,
 "And carries off his prize."

After many years, the debt incurred in the building of Freemasons' Hall had been paid, and so the brethren were ready to rejoice over the glad tidings.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

One Lodge was organized under dispensation.

Although Nova Scotia had been an independent Grand Lodge for forty-three years, it still had within its borders one Lodge, Royal Standard, working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England.

Many official visitations were made.

Here are some official rulings:

2. I was asked, "Is a Jewish Rabbi a Minister of the Gospel," within the meaning of Section 21, Chapter XV of the Constitution entitling him, in the discretion of the Lodge, to a reduction in, or rebate of the fees for initiation? As Jewish Rabbis are authorized by law to

perform marriage ceremonies and other duties appertaining to the Sacred Office of the Ministry, I ruled that they were "Ministers of the Gospel within the meaning of the Section."

(b) I ruled that the fact of an applicant having lost portions of the third, fourth and fifth fingers of his left hand, his right remaining intact, did not debar him from membership provided he was in all other respects capable of performing the work.

(c) A man had a defect in his right eye, the result of a blow which caused a gr. wth on the ball, the other eye remaining perfect whereby he could easily distinguish objects and discern colors. My ruling was that this was not such a disability as prevented him from being made a Mason.

(d) I decided that a man who had some trouble with one of his feet, and which in a slight degree might be classed as "club-footed," but which did not prevent him moving quickly and easily about and did not in any way interfere with his business, was eligible for the mysteries of Masonry.

The Grand Secretary's report shows, number of chartered Lodges sixty-eight; total membership 5,363; net increase 343.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$8,744.70.

The local Lodges tendered an invitation, which was accepted, to an "At Home" at the Grand Hotel on Thursday evening.

Fraternal Greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

A resolution was adopted that no subordinate Lodge shall in future, knowingly entertain, the application for the degrees or for affiliation of any person engaged in manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

It was also resolved, "That the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry be read in every Lodge at least once a year."

It would be well first to settle definitely what the Ancient Landmarks are. Many learned Masonic writers have discussed this question, and it seems difficult for any two of these to agree.

Halifax was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is made by Brother Thomas Mowbray, and it is a good one.

Georgia receives nearly two pages of courteous review in condensed form.

He compliments Grand Master Meyerhardt as having made a fine address.

Most Worshipful Charles Reynolds, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Thomas Mowbray, Grand Secretary.

OHIO—1908.

Ninety-ninth Annual.

October 21.

CINCINNATI.

Upon opening the volume the distinguished countenance of Grand Master George D. Copeland confronts us.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Geo. D. Copeland, Grand Master, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and a constitutional number of Representatives.

Thus begins the able address of the Grand Master:

One hundred years ago, on the 4th day of January, 1808, the Representatives of a handful of Lodges had met in the town of Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of Masons for the State of Ohio, and on the last days of that year were again on their way for the purpose of holding the first Communication of this Grand Lodge, and on January 2, 1809, that first Grand Communication was held, the one hundredth anniversary of which we now celebrate.

Turn back, if you can, in your imagination and picture that scene. In the whole State of Ohio there were about one hundred and fifty thousand people of all kinds, nearly one-half of her territory still occupied by Indians, and the whole territory in a state of nature. Not one road worthy of the name existed, and these brethren came from long distances, alone and on horseback, along narrow pathways overhung with snow-covered branches of the forest trees, over frozen ground, in the bitter cold of dreary winter. The same Providence which had guided the Mayflower to the wild New England shore and had sustained the American forces in the Revolutionary struggle for liberty was now directing the settlement of the Northwest Territory by men whose hearts beat true with the love of Justice, Equality, and Truth.

It was decided that a Masonic history of Ohio should be prepared. Brother W. M. Cunningham, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who had been a Master Mason for fifty-eight years, and who had personally attended every Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for the last fifty-four years, was appointed to do the work.

One hundred and two dispensations were issued for sundry purposes.

Dispensations for permission to hurry the degrees were invariably refused:

1. Because, if such a request does not show that the petitioner is actuated by some mercenary or other unworthy motive, it certainly does show that he is not prompted by a sincere desire to be useful to his fellow-men.

2. When such haste is made it is impossible for the candidate to commit to memory the instructive and useful lectures pertaining to the several degrees, and I have never known a brother who has slighted the lectures to be an active and useful member of the Order, and it almost universally happens that a brother who thoroughly understands the work lectures of the degrees becomes an interested and active, useful, and whole-hearted Mason. If one does not understand the work, how can he impart it?

Four new Lodges were created by dispensation, and three more were constituted under charter.

Of the nine decisions rendered, all were approved. We quote the first two:

563. One brother may not vouch for another over the telephone, but both the brother vouched for and the brother vouching must be present while the vouching is being done.

564. A brother who neglects and refuses to commit and recite the lecture pertaining to the Master Mason's degree after having received that degree, and after having received notice from the Master of his Lodge that the reciting of such lecture is required, is subject to charges of unmasonic conduct and liable to discipline.

Pretty tough, we should say, on the brother, whose memory is not very good.

Having been called upon to approve the choice of Brother Fay Hempstead, of Arkansas, as Poet Laureate of Masonry, the Grand Master decided in favor of home talent, and voted for Past Grand Master Nelson Williams, of Ohio.

Receipts of the Grand Treasurer, \$55,511.88.

The complete report of the Grand Secretary shows total membership, 72,339.

Increase in Lodges last twenty years, twenty-six.

Increase in number of members, 38,155.

Average gain each year, 1,908.

Increase in annual income, \$38,509.18.

For the benefit of the Craft, a complete list of clandestine Lodges, with name and location, is shown in the Proceedings.

The following distinguished brethren being present as

visitors, were severally introduced to the Grand Lodge by Most Worshipful Brother W. A. Belt and welcomed with the Grand Honors :

Most Worshipful Brother Chas. M. Mikels, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana ; Right Eminent Sir Edwin B. King, Grand Commander Knights Templar of Ohio ; Most Excellent Ed. H. Archer, Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Ohio ; Most Illustrious Brother Warren J. Baker, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio ; Most Worshipful Brother Barton Smith, Deputy for Ohio of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Most Eminent Wm. B. Melish, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States.

Three distinguished brethren were made Honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio :

V. W. Brother Robert Freke Gould, of Kingsfield, Woking, England ; V. W. Brother Wm. Jas. Hughan, of Torquay, England ; and R. W. Brother Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland.

An amendment to the Code was reported forbidding any Lodge to confer the first three degrees of Masonry for less than \$25.

Cleveland was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A petition from the "White Shrine of Jerusalem," a fraternal organization similar to the Order of the Eastern Star, to occupy Masonic Halls, was refused.

Twenty-four Emergent Communications were held for various purposes.

A report from the Masonic Home shows the Institution to be in a flourishing condition. Number of men, 66 ; women, 43 ; boys, 28 ; girls, 23. Average age of men, 74 ; women, 74 ; boys, 12 ; girls, 11½.

A visit to the Home of Excelsior Lodge of Cincinnati was greatly enjoyed. The brethren brought presents for all the people of the Home, books and candy for the children, candy for the old ladies, and cigars for the men ; also, a generous donation in cash.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother W. M. Cunningham prefaces his report of 400 pages with some interesting papers :

Masonic Diplomas in Great Britain.

Masonic Diplomas in Ireland.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge of England.

Prehistoric Freemasonry.

Atheistic Masonry in France.

Under the last heading 326 mixed Lodges are mentioned, composed of men and women.

The following as to the initiation of women :

The postulant's past history is looked up, and at the initiation itself she is closely questioned, as the men are in their own exclusive Lodges, about those matters which separate the French Free Mason soul from the old world around. (A great part of the Sister's mission, at least in France, seems to be the "foundation of the modern and republican family.")

The postulant gives her word to be married without a priest, and to bring up her children outside of all religious denominations.

Brother Cunningham devotes four pages of his valuable report to Georgia affairs.

He calls the annual address of Grand Master Meyerhardt "an animated, well-written Masonic paper."

Brother Cunningham does us the honor of making several quotations from our report.

Most Worshipful C. S. Hoskinson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA—1908.

Quarterly Communication, March 4, 1908.

One hundred and seventy-eight Lodges represented.

The sum of \$20,000 was appropriated for improvement of the Temple.

Quarterly Communication, June 3, 1908.

Quarterly Communication, Sept. 2, 1908.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Austen H. McGregor, of New Jersey, was an honored visitor.

Total membership, 84,333; net increase, 4,891.

An extra appropriation of \$1,500 was made for Committee on Masonic Homes, and \$1,000 for expenses of Grand Master.

A Special Communication was held at Philadelphia, Oct. 23, to perform the last sad rites over the body of Past Grand Master William J. Kelley.

Quarterly Communication, December 2, 1908.

During the session, a sad incident occurred, Brother James M. Beatty was stricken with heart failure, and died soon after. A solemn prayer appropriate to the occasion was made by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund, \$76,386.49.

The General Fund amounts to \$90,000.

Receipts from the Grand Bequest, \$5,213.72.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$179,905.53.

Annual Communication, Dec. 28, 5908; Most Worshipful George B. Orlady presiding; 112 Lodges represented.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Josiah W. Ewan, of New Jersey, was received as a visitor with the customary honors.

Grand Master Orlady made a cheering report:

The administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the past year has not been marked by any unexpected event. We have paid off the last dollar of our debt on this Temple, and this result has been attained by such gradual processes, that the honor of the liquidation must be given to each administration since the debt was incurred, in 1868.

Relieved of this obligation, we have again pledged the faith and credit of this Grand Lodge to new liabilities incident upon the location, erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home for our helpless and dependent brethren, their wives and children. We have adjusted our rates and income so as to be able to meet and discharge all the responsibilities of the future, and we face the coming years confident of our ability, and zealous in our purpose to fulfill our promises.

In furnishing some interesting historical facts, the Grand Master says that one Lodge, No. 42, was established at Savannah, Ga., Oct. 29, 1784.

Five Lodges were constituted under charter.

We quote some decisions:

Neither the name of Freemasonry, the name of a Lodge, nor its funds can be used in connection with a banquet, a reception, a dance, or a like function; nor can such names be used at a banquet where those not Masons are present.

The Lodgeroom can not be used for an entertainment, fair, or reception.

Lodges cannot attend a church as a Masonic body (i. e., in Masonic clothing), without a special dispensation granted by the Grand Master—they may attend as individuals.

It is the law of this Grand Lodge that the place where a man votes determines his residence.

If a rejected petitioner for initiation and membership desires to petition again, he must do so to the same Lodge in which he was rejected.

If there is any doubt of one measuring up to the requirements of the law in reference to physical qualifications, as found in the Ahiman Rezon, pp. 195-197, he must be presented in person to the Grand Master, who alone can pass upon the question.

Before a ballot is taken the Master should state the name, age, occupation, and residence of the petitioner, and the names of the members who recommended him, and the names of the Committee of Inquiry, so that his identity will be clearly established and every member fully advised in regard to him.

The use of the ballot is not only a privilege, but a duty, from which no member should shrink.

A dispensation will not be issued to lay a corner-stone on Sunday with Masonic ceremonies. A Lodge can not be opened on Sunday for any purpose, unless in case of great emergency after permission of the Grand Master has been obtained.

A petitioner must be at least twenty-one years of age at the time he presents his petition for initiation and membership to a Lodge.

During the past year I have received Lodge notices containing announcements of picnics, lectures, receptions, social meetings, requests for charities, and to attend Divine services, and many matters of like character, to which members and their ladies have been invited.

The District Deputies are enjoined to put an end to such improper conduct.

Twenty-one Grand Chaplains were appointed.

Upon the whole, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania form a very attractive volume. Besides being printed in large, clear type, it contains a great number of splendid engravings of former places for the meeting of the Grand Lodge and showing constituent parts of the present magnificent Temple.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother James M. Lamberton, although restricted by the request of the Grand Master to 100 pages, makes an excellent report.

Georgia, for 1907, receives courteous consideration. The address of Grand Master Meyerhardt he says is ably written.

In his conclusion, Brother Lamberton favors the custom adopted by some Grand Lodges of giving accurately the time of opening and closing each Annual Communication.

Most Worshipful George B. Orlady, Grand Master.

Worshipful William A. Sinn, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1908.

Thirty-third Annual.

June 24.

SUMMERSIDE.

Present: Most Worshipful W. K. Rogers, Grand Master; six Past Grand Masters; the Representatives of fourteen Lodges, and Brother W. P. Doull, the Representative of Georgia.

The Grand Master's address is encouraging:

In many places business depression has followed the exposure of bad business methods; but here in Prince Edward Island the storm has passed us by and we are more prosperous than ever. We have had abundant crops, liberal returns from our fisheries, and have been able to secure exceptionally favorable prices for all our products. What wonder then that to-day we are a prosperous and happy people and that many who went abroad to seek a more favorable abode are today returning to our beautiful Province, here to make their homes. And amid all this prosperity, Masonry has also prospered so that today we stand at the highest point in membership that we have ever attained.

Only three dispensations were issued: to elect officers on another date from that provided in the Constitution; to attend Divine service as a Masonic body on a date other than St. John's Day; to confer third degree in less time than specified in the Constitution.

The conclusion of the Grand Master's address contains this tribute to Masonry:

It has survived the attacks of enemies most powerful and fanatical, and sustained itself during all its past history, unaided by Church or State or any other means save its own native integrity. Monarchs have arrayed their power against it, Popes have thundered their anathemas in its face, and, for a season, the popular voice was raised in the wild clamor of passion, to denounce and overthrow it. Yet it has survived and overcame all these influences, and is today stronger, and may be more useful than ever before.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$377.79.

Petitions were received for recognition from the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua and the Grand Orient of Greece. These were referred to the Committee on Correspondence for future report.

Most Worshipful D. F. Macdonald, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Neil Mackelvie, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1909.

Thirty-ninth Annual.

February 10.

MONTREAL.

The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Grand Master J. Alex. Cameron.

Two Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones: one at Coaticook, of St. Stephens Church; the other at Asbestos, of the Presbyterian Church.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Geo. O. Stanton, Grand Master; seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-eight Lodges.

This from the Grand Master's forcible address:

We are ever ready, and rightly so, to enjoy the many social privileges which membership affords us. This side of Freemasonry is a time honored feature of our Order, which, in moderation we are permitted to enjoy, but not to leave other things undone.

Upon our initiation each one of us was charged to be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments, Benevolence and Charity, and brethren should it not be one of our proudest duties as Masons, both in our individual and collective relations, to embody and give practical value to the principles thus enjoined upon us.

Grand Lodge had made considerable progress during the past year, the membership roll showing a net increase of 260 against 291 last year, and bringing the grand total up to 6,045.

The receipts for the year towards the permanent Benevolent Fund amount to \$2,949 while the addition to the General Fund is \$4,461.

One new Lodge was created by dispensation.

Eight dispensations were issued to Lodges to wear regalia at Lodge socials; four to confer degrees within the time limit; three, to hold elections at date other than named in the By-Laws; seven, to install officers at date other than named in By-Laws.

We quote the following decision:

Question by V. W. Brother W. Simpson Walker at our last Annual Communication: When is the proper time to administer the Tyler's OB.?

Robertson's Jurisprudence says: "At the examination of a visitor, the test, or Tyler's OB. should be administered at the close of the exami-

nation, and not at its commencement." I know of no good reason for differing from this opinion, and rule accordingly.

Under the heading, "Cherished Souvenirs," in his History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec, Brother John H. Graham says:

Ere his departure from Quebec, His Royal Highness (Prince Edward, Duke of Kent,) presented to the Provincial G. L. an antique Masonic Square of gold, with a brilliant at the angle, and bearing on the obverse this inscription: "The gift of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first Right Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada," and on the reverse, "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Lower Canada."

This cherished memento, and a large key of fine gold surmounted by a crown, the gift of His Royal Highness William Henry, Duke of Clarence, and afterwards William the Fourth, were in 1873-74 presented by Most Worshipful Brother T. D. Harrington, a former Prov. Grand Master of the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, through our first Grand Master, to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, as our proper inheritance, and accompanied them with an explanatory and congratulatory letter.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 6,045; net increase, 260.

Receipts of Benevolent Fund, \$2,949; of General Fund, \$4,461.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$4,605.75. Total assets of Grand Lodge, \$43,420.

Brother Geo. H. Williams, Grand Chaplain of the Quebec and Three Rivers District, delivered an instructive address upon the theme "The Credentials of Masonry," with subdivisions as follows: "Its Inspiring Ideality," "Its Practical Mood," "Its Absolute Standards," "Its Lofty Spirit," "Its Great Arbiter."

Fraternal recognition was denied the Grand Lodges of San Salvador, Chile, and Cosmos of Chihuahua, and the Grand Orient of Greece.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother E. D. T. Chambers makes a fine report as usual. This from his introduction on the subject of Correspondence Reports:

The enormous importance and the great interest of these for all serious Masonic students it is impossible to over-estimate. It is not too much to say that many of the most sparkling gems of Masonic literature,

much of the most carefully prepared analysis of Masonic tradition and history, almost all there is of the jurisprudence of the Fraternity, much of its poetry, much more of the exposition of its teachings, and many of the most beautiful thoughts that were ever clad in words first appeared in print in the pages of the volumes of Proceedings of the English-speaking Grand Lodges of the world.

He compliments Grand Master Jeffries and quotes liberally from his address, more than half of his review of Georgia being taken up with these extracts.

Most Worshipful J. Alex Cameron, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND—1908.

A Special Communication was held at Brisbane for the purpose of installing Lord Chelmsford, Grand Master-elect.

Under the able administration of Grand Master Lord Chelmsford, the fifty-four Lodges of the Jurisdiction had made substantial progress.

Fraternal recognition had been extended by thirty-four Grand Lodges, and from the present trend of events, the time is not far distant when recognition will be universal.

This law was enacted:

157A. If a candidate proposed for admission be in any manner maimed, lame, or defective, he shall not be initiated without a dispensation from the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master. The application for such dispensation shall be made by memorial, wherein the defects shall be clearly specified. Any Lodge violating this law may have its warrant cancelled or suspended, or be fined or dealt with as Grand Lodge may decide.

Why not make all candidates eligible for membership, who can comply with the requirements of the ritual, and let the subordinate Lodges be the judges of these qualifications?

Most Worshipful Lord Chelmsford, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Chas. H. Harley, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND—1908.

One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual.

May 18.

PROVIDENCE.

Present: Most Worshipful Arthur H. Armington, Grand Master; seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-two Lodges.

At a Semi-Annual Communication of the previous year, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan had received fraternal recognition.

Grand Master Armington, whose portrait adorns the Proceedings, made a brief address.

The few decisions rendered were of local interest.

Eight dispensations were issued allowing Lodges to attend Divine service in Lodge formation. Five were issued allowing Lodges to omit their Stated Communications in July and August.

The Grand Master made many pleasant official visitations.

The District Deputies were allowed to confer the degree of Past Master under certain conditions.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 6,920; net increase, 202.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$4,859.08.

Most Worshipful William L. Chatterton, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND—1909.

Statistics occupy most of the volume.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, February 4, 1909, with Grand Master, the Marquess of Tullibardine, on the Throne.

The Grand Treasurer was instructed to draw from the General Fund the sum of \$12,565, being one-half of the income of the Grand Lodge, and to place the same to the credit of the Annuity Fund.

Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Master, accompanied by a deputation of Grand Officers, Bearers and Grand

Stewards, had paid an official visit to the Lodge of Edinburg (Mary's Chapel.)

Charters were granted to Lodges in 'Cambooya, Queensland, and Damascus, Syria.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has forty-eight subordinate Lodges in India, seventy-six in Queensland, ten in New Zealand, thirty-nine in Western Australia, two in Hawaiian Islands, six in China, three in Japan, nineteen in Cape Colony, thirteen in Natal, thirty-seven in The Transvaal, five in Jamaica, two in New Foundland, three in Peru, five in Chili, five in Syria, one in Philippine Islands, three in Gibraltar, four in Trinidad, two in Bermuda, and three in Orange River Colony.

Most Worshipful Marquess of Tullibardine, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful David Reid, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1908.

One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual. December 8.

CHARLESTON.

Present: Most Worshipful James L. Michie, Grand Master; six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 103 Lodges.

Brother William A. Giles, the Representative of Georgia, was in his place.

The Grand Master, in his address, dwells largely on the question of physical qualifications. He thinks South Carolina is too stringent, and, to fortify his position, quotes from a great many other Grand Lodges. He says:

So far as I have been able to discover, South Carolina is the only Grand Jurisdiction in the English-speaking world of today that disbars a candidate from advancement, who unfortunately becomes slightly maimed after he has been initiated into the Order.

The Grand Master reports favorable conditions in his Jurisdiction:

From all parts of this Jurisdiction I have received very flattering reports of the work done by the subordinate Lodges during the year. The abundance of new material in some of the Lodges seems almost phenomenal. In nearly every one of the Lodges I visited, the brethren

showed a knowledge of, and familiarity with, our Ritual that was most gratifying. In some of the Districts the brethren have held a Masonic rally, that is, a joint meeting of all the Lodges in the District, when all three degrees were conferred by competent Craftsmen. These rallies are productive of great good; they exemplify the ritualistic work of our Order; they increase the interest of the brethren, and they bring the brethren of a District into closer touch with one another.

Twenty-nine dispensations were issued to elect officers of Lodges after the constitutional period had expired.

Dispensations were refused to raise more than five candidates at the same communication; to confer degrees out of time; to act on petitions of profanes under twenty-one years of age; to install officers before the constitutional period; to confer the three degrees all at the same communication.

Four new Lodges were created by dispensation, three were constituted, and two were revived.

Five Special Communications were held to lay cornerstones: of the new graded school building at Bamberg; of the Jonesville high school building at Jonesville; of the graded school building at Edgemore; of the Abbeville County court house at Abbeville.

The Grand Master paid high tribute to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Here are some of the decisions rendered:

3. It is not competent for a brother who has never been elected and installed as Worshipful Master or Warden to sit in the Master's chair and open the Lodge, or confer degrees, even though the Master, or one of the Wardens, sit in the East with him.

5. A black ball having appeared upon a first ballot, a second ballot was held, when two black balls appeared, but as there was one ball more in the box than members present, I held that this second ballot was illegal, null and void, and that another ballot should have been taken in lieu thereof.

6. Conviction in a criminal court is *prima facie* evidence of unmasonic conduct, and a brother should be disciplined for the offense committed.

7. A new Lodge cannot be constituted under its charter with less than seven members; that is, unless it has raised four brothers while under dispensation. I am led to state this decision from the fact that at our last Grand Communication the Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that two Lodges that had not raised a single candidate while under dispensation should be continued under dispensation for another year. On motion, the committee was overruled, and these

Lodges were granted charters. Now, where are the seven members to come from? "A Lodge under dispensation cannot elect members."

As to No. 6. While conviction in a criminal court is *prima facie* evidence of unmasonic conduct, it is not *conclusive* evidence, and a brother should not be punished without conclusive evidence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence refused to endorse No. 3, and only approved No. 7 under certain conditions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother J. T. Barron makes an interesting report covering the Proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges.

This from our report for 1905:

Brother Jacob T. Barron, who succeeds the lamented Brother Inglesby, makes his first report.

Under Georgia for 1905, he says: "The address of the Grand Master is a lengthy one and of the usual Georgia type."

The language used is very ambiguous. It may mean something or it may mean nothing. Whatever it may mean, one fact remains, "the usual Georgia type" has been highly complimented by the reviewers of nearly every Grand Lodge in Canada and the United States.

Here is Brother Barron's reply, which is both explanatory and satisfactory:

The "Georgia type" is known, as we see, pretty generally throughout this great country, and we thought it unnecessary to say more. To those who do not know the type, we will say it consists of the details of official acts, with an introduction and a conclusion that delight the student of lofty sentiments, unique figures of speech and vivid word-paintings, which generally characterize the productions of "Grand Orators."

Most Worshipful James L. Michie, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1908.

Thirty-fourth Annual.

June 9.

MITCHELL.

Present: William E. Mulligan, Most Worshipful Grand Master; eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of seventy-six Lodges.

A portrait and biography of Grand Master Milligan are found in the Proceedings.

The optimistic address of the Grand Master brought words of good cheer to the brethren.

One Lodge was constituted, and five more were organized under dispensation.

Here is one of the decisions rendered:

4 A party is manager of a hotel which conducts as part of its business a saloon. The saloon being under direct charge of an employee. The entire property is under the control of a syndicate, the manager representing this syndicate.

Question. Should a Lodge receive an application for membership from this party?

Held. No. While the saloon in connection with the hotel is under direct charge of an employee, the manager of the establishment is held responsible for the management of the saloon the same as any other part of the business.

Righteous decision.

It was also decided that "A Master cannot delegate his authority to the Senior Warden to install officers. Officers can only be installed by a Master of a constituted Lodge or a Past Master."

Documentary Evidence: There is no questioning the ancient right of visitation, or the right of a Mason, in good standing, to recognition, however, our veneration for the ancient customs should not blind us to change conditions.

It is a paramount duty to protect our Lodges against renegades and imposters, and, while a certificate of membership and receipt for dues would not be conclusive evidence, it would be strongly supplemental to the regular examination and be an added safe-guard. I invite your careful consideration of this subject.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$7,093.99.

The Grand Secretary's report shows: total number of Lodges, 115; total membership, 7,196; net gain, 538.

Identification cards were recommended by the Grand Secretary.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and Saskatchewan. No action was taken upon the request of the Grand Orient of Greece for recognition.

On the third day a delegation was received from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mutual courtesies were exchanged and everything passed off pleasantly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother S. A. Brown makes an admirable report.
His review of Georgia is interesting. He says:

The custom of investing Past Masters with the right to permanent membership in Grand Lodge is not in accordance with the ancient regulation, as published by the original Grand Lodge, which says:

"XII. The Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by the Masters and Wardens of all its regular particular Lodges upon Record, with the Grand Master at their Head, and his Deputy, on his left hand, and the Grand Wardens in their proper places."

The brother might have extended his criticism, for in Georgia and in a great many other States Wardens are not members of the Grand Lodge.

Commenting upon the decision of Grand Master Meyerhardt concerning the woman with a bad husband, he says:

A woman with a bad husband appeals more strongly to a noble heart for protection because poor human nature is such that her moral defenses might be less strong through her resentment against a misbehaving husband.

In Georgia a brother, who has had unlawful intercourse with a Master Mason's wife or daughter, may make the plea that the woman herself is not virtuous, but his plea will avail nothing. The fact that she holds such close relationship to a Master Mason, will be sufficient to cause the defendant's expulsion.

Most Worshipful Joseph A. Davenport, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE—1909.

Ninety-fifth Annual.

January 27.

NASHVILLE.

Present: Most Worshipful Milton H. Price, Grand Master; twenty Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 425 Lodges.

A well executed portrait of Grand Master-elect, Edward K. Bachman, adorns the Proceedings:

The Grand Master's address has a pathetic opening:

Your Grand Master now before you would, if it were possible, obliterate from his mind the events which have occurred, some of which have

made desolate his once happy home, and made it the abode of sadness and sorrow.

This domestic affliction which has fallen so heavily upon me has prevented me, in a great measure, from giving that attention to the affairs of the Craft which its increasing demands required at the hands of your presiding officer. But, my brethren, I have been, and am still, so laboring under this afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence that I find it impossible to even attempt an outline of what might be expected upon this important occasion.

May I not be permitted to indulge the hope that none of you have had cause to share my lot and that He who governs the storm has protected you and yours from the melancholy bereavement that has fallen upon me.

Four new Lodges were constituted, and seven more were organized under dispensation.

Fifty-two dispensations were issued for various purposes. Here are some, which were refused: to elect Junior Warden to fill unexpired term; to elect Senior Warden, vacancy by death; to form new Lodge eight miles from another; to confer three degrees one week apart upon a West Point Cadet; to appeal to sister Lodges for aid; to examine, elect, and confer third degree out of time; to receive application from a U. S. Recruiting Officer, who had only resided in the State eight months; to move temporarily to the top of an Indian mound, to erect a tent, and confer the Master Mason's degree upon three candidates.

The Grand Master thought the conferring of the degree was too solemn to be conferred in a tent like a circus.

And yet we are told that our ancient brethren held their meetings "on a high hill or in a low dale." We fail to see the impropriety of the meeting place.

We quote some decisions:

Ed Worsham Lodge, No. 505. A brother, a member of the Lodge, objected to the advancement of a brother Entered Apprentice of the Lodge. This objection was made in writing to the Worshipful Master. Does this objection not come under the head of charges and to be preferred by Junior Warden?

Answer. It does not; the objection holds until withdrawn by the brother making the objection or until he ceases to be a member of that Lodge.

Edgefield Lodge, No. 254. A bill clerk in a wholesale grocery store in which whisky is sold, but who is not called upon to handle the article, has petitioned this Lodge. Will it conflict with Edicts 59 and 61?

Answer. In accordance with ruling of Past Grand Master McQueen, see Proceedings 1904, page 36, and approved by the Grand Lodge, it would conflict with the Edicts mentioned above. If the bookkeeper is applicable, then why not the bill clerk?

Moriah Lodge, No. 301. A communication dated March 20 from a brother of said Lodge, in which he stated that a brother, formerly a member of said Lodge, who severed his membership by dimit, and was afterwards rejected in two other Lodges, was upon motion, elected to membership in Moriah Lodge by a standing vote, some refusing to vote.

I immediately addressed a communication to the Worshipful Master of said Lodge for an explanation, and he stated it had been done and he thought he was doing right. I informed the Worshipful Master by letter May 9 that it was in violation of the law and that the election to membership was null and void. That the brother must petition the Lodge accompanied by his dimit, referred to a committee, lay over one month, and after committee had reported, vote should be taken by secret ballot, and that it must be done at once.

Mountain City Lodge, No. 549. The Secretary of said Lodge writes the Grand Secretary, stating a peculiar case in that Lodge, namely: "We initiated a young Russian last year who spells his name in the Russian language as 'E. Keler,' which is pronounced in English 'Heller,' for the reason there is no 'H' in the Russian alphabet, 'G and H' taking the same sound as 'H,' and wishes his name changed on the records to E. Heller."

The Grand Secretary writes the Secretary of Mountain City Lodge that he did not see how he had any right to change the brother's name from Keler to Heller, the Legislature only can do that, and further, if it was Keler when he signed the petition, which he did, knowing that there was no 'H' in the Russian alphabet, it was Keler still, and could not be anything else, and to let it stand as it is and call him Heller if you desire.

The Secretary of Mountain City Lodge did not relish the answer of the Grand Secretary, and requested him to refer the correspondence to the Grand Master.

I answered the Secretary of said Lodge, that I believe the Grand Secretary had answered correctly, and for the present the records would have to stand. You could call him Heller if you so desired.

Some Russian names are unpronounceable by an American, and almost any substitute ought to be allowed.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$35,283.38.

The Grand Secretary reported thirteen petitions for new Lodges.

Brother Henry H. Ingersoll, Past Grand Master, introduced to the Grand Lodge the oldest affiliated Mason in Tennessee, the venerable and much beloved Brother General John Ewing Garner, of Western Star Lodge, No. 9, of Springfield, Tennessee.

Our venerable brother has been well known for many years as a distinguished lawyer, a learned judge, a devoted father, a zealous Mason, an upright public-spirited citizen, and the most universally polite gentleman within the borders of the Volunteer State, and was accorded an ovation by his brethren of the Grand Lodge.

During the recess, the members of the Grand Lodge visited the Widows' and Orphans' Home, where an interesting programme was carried out, much to the delight of all, who were present.

Steps were taken to acquire a permanent home in the City of Nashville, and a committee was appointed to purchase the property.

Past Master S. Hickey, for being drunk at the Grand Lodge and for shooting a Master Mason, was indefinitely suspended.

A light sentence, according to our judgment, for so serious an offense.

From the Widows and Orphans comes the report:

Average number of residents for the year, 131½.

Average cost per year of each person, \$96.71.

Number of widows, 30; boys, 47; girls, 54.

Brother E. H. Hudson, the Worshipful Master of New Hope Lodge, No. 583, a Master Mason and a member of this Grand Lodge, is hereby charged with immoral and unmasonic conduct.

That the said Brother E. H. Hudson, on the 27th day of January, 1909, at Nashville, in the County of Davidson, State of Tennessee, was in a state of intoxication from the use of spirituous liquors, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic fraternity.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then declared Brother E. H. Hudson expelled from all of the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Henry A. Chambers makes the report, Georgia receives a notice of less than one page.

He compliments Grand Master Jeffries, and notes a reduction in the size of the committees.

Most Worshipful Edward K. Eckman, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS—1908.

Seventy-third Annual.

December 1.

WACO.

The initial pages contain portraits of Grand Master J. J. Davis and of Past Grand Masters J. H. McLeary—1880, and W. S. Fly—1888.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful W. Lee Moore, Grand Master; fifteen Past Grand Masters, and a constitutional number of Representatives.

The Grand Master in his able annual address cheers the brethren with a favorable report:

The past few years have witnessed an encouraging growth of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, not only in numerical strength, but in the uniformity and proficiency of the esoteric work, in the cultivation of a higher type of manhood in the individual Mason, and in the equipment and furnishings of the subordinate Lodges.

A comparison of conditions of today with those that prevailed the short space of twenty years ago will show a most gratifying improvement in these respects. Then, with a membership of less than twenty thousand, a large majority of the Lodges were poorly furnished; very few owned their Lodge property, and the ritualism as taught and practiced was largely made up of an amalgamation of the work of various Grand Lodge jurisdictions. Now, with an affiliated membership of more than double what it was at that time, most of the Lodges are well furnished—many owning valuable Lodge property, which is yielding a handsome income in rentals; there is practical uniformity in the work and lectures, and in almost every Lodge will be found some one who can confer the degrees with substantial accuracy. Such a comparison will also disclose a marked decrease in the common vices of intemperance, gambling and profane swearing, and a consequent falling off in the labors of the Committee on Grievances and appeals of the Grand Lodge.

He attributes these improved conditions more especially to the healthier moral tone of the individual Mason.

Twenty-two Lodges were constituted, and seven more formed under dispensation.

The Grand Master had received numerous applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time. With one exception, all these were refused. The exception was in the case of a member of the U. S. Navy, who was ordered on a long voyage.

He highly commends the efficiency of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Seven decisions are recorded. We quote:

1. It is a Masonic offense for a Master Mason to slander a person who is not a Mason.

2. "Can a Lodge take action on an application for affiliation at the next stated communication of the Lodge after the petition is received, provided said communication is in two weeks, or should the application lay over for a month?"

I held that the petition should lay over for one month.

4. It is not illegal for a Lodge to remit the dues of one or all of its members, regardless of the fact that the Lodge remitting the dues is located in a city where there are two Lodges with concurrent jurisdiction.

5. A Lodge received the petition of a candidate who lacked three days of being twenty-one years old, and when ballot was taken declared rejected by two black balls.

I ruled that the irregularity of receiving the petition of the party under age would not justify rescinding the action taken, and the candidate must stand rejected for two years.

The Committee on Jurisprudence refused to confirm No. 5, and we think the Committee is right:

In Decision No. 5, the Grand Master rules that the casting of two black balls against a petition for initiation from one who was less than twenty-one years old when the petition was received, operates as a rejection of the candidate for two years. We hold the action of the Lodge in receiving the petition of a person less than twenty-one years old was void; that the Lodge acquired no jurisdiction of the petitioner, and that the ballot thereon was an absolute nullity. The candidate stands in the same attitude as if he had never petitioned the Lodge at all.

The children of the Home were ordered to report to the next Annual Communication, and the sum of \$100 was appropriated to pay transportation from Fort Worth.

The Grand Treasurer was placed under a bond of \$50,000.

The following from the Grand Master's address, is worthy of reproduction, and should be read by every Mason:

I hope I may be pardoned for a word in commendation of the faithful services of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. They give their time and earnest thought to the preparation of these reports, and it seems to me that we do not appreciate their labors as we should.

Besides the valuable information found in their reports, they contain the flower of Masonic literature, culled with discrimination and much care from the Proceedings of all the Masonic Grand Bodies with which we are in fraternal correspondence. From them we may learn what progress Freemasonry is making, not only in our sister Grand Lodges of the United States, but in foreign countries and the far-off isles of the sea. They show in a striking manner the universality of Masonry, and

that in all the essentials Masonry in Texas is the same as in Canada, Scotland, or New Zealand.

If I could induce a more general reading and study of these reports by the officers and members of Lodges, I would feel that I had accomplished some good for our Fraternity.

The Home is in a prosperous condition.

Texas Masons have a right to be proud of the fact that in less than sixty years after the first Lodge had been opened in Texas, they had established and were successfully conducting a Home for the destitute widows and dependent orphans of their deceased brethren.

All applications from Lodges for permission to solicit aid in rebuilding their Lodge buildings were refused.

Receipts of the Grand Treasurer, \$72,364.54.

From the scholarly address of Brother Jewel P. Lightfoot, Grand Orator, we quote:

Masonry has existed from the time that man came into a knowledge of the existence of the one true and ever living God.

It received much of its present form at the time of the building of the temple as we teach it. The Sages in Chaldea, Egypt, India, China and Persia had an esoteric creed and taught only through symbols the immortal truths of God, and his attributes to the enlightened among them. The truths reflected by their symbols were understood by their initiates, but were mysterious to the vulgar or profane.

Many of our most important symbols were employed by the ancients, and the researches of archeologists demonstrate that they symbolized the same truths which they now reflect to us:

"On the ruins of Mandore, in India, among other mystic emblems, is the mystic triangle; it is also found on ancient coins and medals excavated from the ruins of Oojein and other ancient cities of India."

The more ancient temples were roofless, and had no other covering than the sky.

The ruins of the circular towers of the Druids, the temples of Chilmimar in Persia, and of Baalbec, in Syria, have traced upon their walls many of our important symbols, including the number of the constellations, the signs of the Zodiac, and the cycles of the planets.

The vestments of the Priests of Horus, of Ancient Egypt, and of the Lama of Thibet, were covered with crosses.

Pythagorus and Plato, the most mystical of the Grecian philosophers, who had traveled in Phœnicia, Egypt, India and Persia, taught the esoteric doctrine and distinction between the initiated and the profane, and employed many of our emblems to symbolize their conceptions of the attributes of Deity.

A good report of the Home is made by the Board of Directors.

The Permanent Fund had been increased to \$124,727.53.

The enrollment of beneficiaries at the beginning of the year showed 15 widows, 106 girls, and 77 boys. Per capita cost of maintaining the Home, \$149.34.

Committee rooms were tendered the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for holding their Annual Grand Communication.

By resolution, the entire Masonic Temple at Waco was devoted to Masonic purposes exclusively.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of Brother Thomas M. Matthews is somewhat limited on account of the author's serious illness. Despite this fact, however, the work is well done.

We regret that Georgia finds no place in the review.

In his conclusion, some edifying words are found:

To you, therefore, our younger brethren, who have but just passed between the pillars that are set up at the entrance porch of your Masonic life, in concluding we would say a word of warning and advice. You may, possibly do, think that to know perfectly the esoteric work, to be able, like a parrot, to repeat the ritual without a break, is all there is of Masonry for you to learn or know. If this be so, let us tell you, you are badly mistaken, and the sooner you are undeceived the better it will be. To be a good ritualist, that you may always be at ease in the Lodge room, and competent to fill any place that occasion may require, is right and well. But do not forget that, beautiful as our work is, and that the ability to present it impressively and effectively is a great accomplishment, it will all be lost if we overlook the true spirit of the teachings and symbols of our profession. If Freemasonry had been designed for pastime and pleasure alone, its life would indeed have been brief—it would long since have passed away, and been buried in the wreck and ruins of the temples which it has seen decay and fall, been lost and forgot. But because Truth prevails, and the Masonic foundations were firmly laid upon indestructible and everlasting principles its usefulness has grown with the ages, and the traveling orb of day finds no earth where Masonry has not erected her altars to the honor and glory of God.

Most Worshipful J. J. Davis, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John Watson, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1909.

Thirty-eighth Annual.

January 19.

SALT LAKE CITY.

Present: Most Worshipful James H. Brown, Grand Master; fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirteen Lodges.

A portrait and biography of Grand Master-elect Most Worshipful Fred C. Schramm occupy the first pages.

We quote from the address of Grand Master Brown :

The progress of the age, with its new discoveries, new and improved inventions, new ideas and new methods in all lines, is making possible greater achievements and is furnishing an incentive to men, with combined energy and brains, to bring forth more abundantly, and to make use more fully, all of Nature's bounties. This must enhance our material prosperity and draw many desirable new people into our midst. From this element we may reasonably expect our ranks to be largely increased with helpful material. In this connection let us rejoice that through the merciful ministration of a Divine Providence we still have with us some of the Brethren who first held aloft the true light of Masonry in this community. As of yore, they are now among the most earnest workers in the Fraternity, always encouraging by their presence, wise counsel, and helpful advice, those whose privilege it is to be associated with them.

According to the Grand Master's report, the condition of the Craft in his Jurisdiction was becoming better each year.

The "zeal and devotion" displayed by the officers of the several Lodges was very gratifying.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$2,613.62.

Two new Lodges were formed under dispensation.

Assets of Grand Lodge, General Fund, \$3,211.45.

Assets of Charity Fund, \$1,820.01.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total membership, 1,525; net gain, 82.

Recognition was denied the Grand Lodges of Alpina of Switzerland, Greece, Chile, and El Salvador of Central America.

On the evening of the first day the work of the Master Mason's degree was exemplified under the direction of the Acting Grand Lecturer.

Fraternal greetings were interchanged with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That if any brother elected Worshipful Master of a Lodge shall be unable at the time of his election, to pass the examination and procure the necessary certificate of qualification, he may, upon procuring such certificate, be installed at any time within ninety days after his election, or such further time as may be granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. But if no extension of time is granted by the Grand Master, then at the expiration of said ninety days the Lodge must apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation and proceed to elect a Master.

Ogden was chosen as the next place of meeting.

At the close of the Grand Lodge, the officers, members, and visiting brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet given by the three Salt Lake Lodges.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Christopher Diehl presents his thirty-third report, covering the Proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges. The work is well done.

Georgia receives due consideration.

He says the address of Grand Master Jeffries is "a forcible Masonic document and a mighty good business paper."

Brother Diehl claims to know something about lager beer, but says he knows nothing about "near beer," and would like to indulge his curiosity by tasting it.

Well, Brother Diehl, it is claimed that "near beer" is not intoxicating, but reports from the police courts of Atlanta and Savannah show that serious results have followed indulgence in the stuff.

Most Worshipful Fred C. Schramm, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT—1909.

One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual.

June 9.

BURLINGTON.

The frontispiece is a well-executed portrait of Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary 1890-1902.

Two Emergent Communications were held: at Burlington, to attend the funeral of Brother Warren G. Reynolds, Past

Grand Secretary; at Burlington, to attend the funeral of Chilo L. Soule, Past Grand Senior Deacon.

Present at the Annual Communication: Most Worshipful Lee S. Tillotson, Grand Master; seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of ninety-one Lodges.

In his address, the Grand Master recommended that, for three years, an assessment of one dollar per member be levied on each Lodge in the Jurisdiction, to be applied to the Temple debt.

Very few complaints had reached the ears of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master notes the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and New Jersey on the subject of negro Masonry, but remains neutral. He says, "It would be most unfortunate indeed," after fraternal relations between North and South had been established, these should be severed by the negro problem.

He mentions the making of President Taft "a Mason at sight," and decides that the Grand Master of Ohio is open to no criticism for his action.

Would it not have been better, if President Taft had set a noble example by going through the regular course, and traveling the same road, which thousands of his brethren had traveled before him? If Mr. Taft had been defeated in his race for the Presidency, would the same thing have happened?

Fourteen special dispensations were issued, mostly to transact business at a Special Communication.

Thirteen decisions are recorded. Some of these we quote:

4. The Master and Junior Warden of a subordinate Lodge having permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge to such distance that they cannot, practically, attend the meetings, and the Senior Warden being dead: held that while the offices of Master and Junior Warden were not vacated, under the circumstances, a dispensation might be granted to fill the vacancy in the office of Senior Warden caused by death; and in such case, if neither the Master nor Junior Warden could be present to congregate the Lodge, the Grand Master might personally attend and proceed with the election.

5. A petitioner, whose parents reside here, was temporarily out of the State when he became of age, but has returned to this Jurisdiction since becoming of age with the intention of making this his legal resi-

dence. In about three months after his return he presents his petition: held that it might be properly received and acted upon.

6. The Masonic affiliation of a newly admitted brother or of one elected to membership, is in the Lodge to which he made his petition, whether he has signed the By-Laws or not. His signature to the By-Laws is only necessary in order to enable him to participate in the deliberations of the Lodge.

7. It is not proper for the Order of the Eastern Star to be allowed to use Masonic Lodge rooms for any purpose except the meetings of this Order. This prohibition applies to the room or rooms in which Masonic Lodge meetings are held and Masonic Work is done. If there are other rooms connected therewith such as parlors, reception and dining halls, such other rooms may be used for any proper social purpose.

Nos. 5 and 6 were only approved after certain modifications.

Brother Alex M. Whitcomb, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, was received as a distinguished visitor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Marsh O. Perkins is one of our most skillful reviewers. It is enough to say his present report is up to the usual standard.

Under Georgia, he says:

The address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Thomas H. Jeffries, is a thoroughgoing, business-like presentation of his official acts, preceded by an exordium of brilliancy and followed by a peroration of eloquence and inspiration. It also reflects indefatigable zeal and wise action in the discharge of his many and varied official duties. He speaks of Freemasonry as "an intrepid army which neither the evils within nor the foes without can deter."

He further compliments our Grand Master:

The Grand Master reflects by deed and word his belief in a progressive Masonry, tempered with conservatism, and rightly holds that each year ought to be characterized by some forward step, the advancement or culmination of some noble enterprise. He also believes that the application of practical business methods should be made to the conduct of their affairs.

He agrees with this writer on the question of "Perpetual Jurisdiction," which in his judgment is "most unfair, unjust, and unwise doctrine."

Most Worshipful Lee S. Tillotson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Henry Ross, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA—1909.

One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual.

February 9.

RICHMOND.

Present: Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master; eight Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of ninety-five Lodges.

Grand Master Eggleston thus begins his address:

For more than thirty years it has been my joy and pride to be a Mason; to be allowed to meet with the choicest men of Virginia, selected each for his manly worth; to have my faults and weaknesses generously ignored, and whatever there was of good in me developed and cultivated.

Friction of mind with mind develops the best there is in man's intellect, and contact of manliness with manliness brings out the Godlike in the sons of God. I wish I had the ability, and you the time, that I might tell, not what Masonry is, for no man can, but to give you even my feeble conception of what it has been to me, and what I have seen it do in the moulding character and restraining the evil impulses of others.

Fifty-five decisions are recorded. Some of these we quote:

1. That it is improper to refer petitions to a committee. The whole Lodge is an investigating committee, and the burden of proof of fitness is on the avouchers.

2. That it is improper to print the names of petitioners on post cards.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia seems to be alone in this matter. Investigation of character will certainly be accomplished with more satisfaction, where a special committee is appointed for the purpose. Here the old adage comes in, "what is everybody's business, is nobody's."

8. That if the Worshipful Master should call a Past Master to take the East for any purpose his own status remains the same, and he is, while present, in absolute control of the Lodge. The Past Master is merely presiding for him and exercising his authority during the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

9. That there cannot be a time when the Worshipful Master is not in control of his Lodge when it is in session and he present, unless the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master is in control.

26. That the proper position for the Lodge, when two or more Orders form a funeral procession, is in the post of honor, which is usually immediately in front of the hearse.

27. That the Lodge should conduct its burial service either first or last, in the option of the Worshipful Master, the custom differing in different parts of the State and it making no difference, but it must be either first of or last of all.

37. In answer to the question: "Has a Worshipful Master of a Lodge the liberty of descending to the center of the Lodge for the purpose of examining a candidate for advancement, and leave his station unoccupied during said examination?" my answer was, that he wears an immovable jewel, and his station should never be vacated without a substitute, except at the times made necessary by the Ritual, of which examining a candidate is not one.

A unique case of discipline is recorded: A brother was suspended without being tried or even charged. A new Worshipful Master, having been elected, asked for the necessary papers for transmission to the Grand Lodge. The Secretary defied his authority and refused to give up the papers. The Grand Master promptly issued an edict suspending the Secretary and ordering charges to be preferred against him.

Five new Lodges were created by dispensation.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$27,995.63.

Most Worshipful R. T. W. Duke, Jr., on behalf of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, presented to the Grand Master a jewel made from the hour glass used in that Lodge while George Washington was Master. This was received by the Grand Master, who expressed his grateful appreciation of the courtesy of the Lodge in presenting this, to him, precious memento.

Brother Roberts then presented to the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge, on behalf of St. John's Lodge, a gavel, the head made of a piece of oak taken from the old South Church, Boston, the handle of a piece of live oak from the old United States vessel Constitution (Ironsides). The gavel was contained in a handsome case, elaborately inscribed.

By resolution, the Grand Master was allowed \$1,000 per annum in addition to his actual traveling expenses.

Brother Claude A. Swanson, Governor of Virginia, being present, was introduced by the Grand Master and invited to make an address. Responding to this request, he paid a beautiful tribute to Masonry, graphically sketched its history, telling how it had begun in the remotest times and how potential are its tenets in the world today. He concluded his address, which was frequently interrupted with applause, by pointing out how Masonry had increased public spirit, patriotism and knowledge, and what good results had accrued thereby to government and to mankind.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was accorded fraternal recognition.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Joseph W. Eggleston makes an interesting report of 123 pages.

He quotes largely from the address of Grand Master Jeffries, which he pronounces "ornate and abounding in practical quotations."

He also quotes from our report on the subject of "Perpetual Jurisdiction."

Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Geo. W. Carrington, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON—1908.

Fifty-first Annual.

June 16.

TACOMA.

Present: Most Worshipful Ralph C. McAllaster, Grand Master; thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 157 Lodges.

An address of welcome was delivered by Past Master Geo. Lawler, of Tacoma Lodge, to which fitting response was made by Brother Jeremiah Neterer, Junior Grand Warden.

Grand Master McAllaster, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the volume, made an inspiring address:

It is an inspiration to be a part of such a gathering. As you look around, you see the men who are making the communities of which our State is so justly proud—men whose force and energy are exerted in behalf of the best things which enter into our State and National life. They are men who have no time to waste over small and useless things, no strength to expend in that which is of no importance when accomplished, and the fact that they are giving of their time and strength to Masonry proves its worth to the world. Know them all before you go home. Carry back with you the inspiration of their spirit. Be better and stronger for the influence of this week.

And, above all, give yourself, your best self, to the matters which come up for consideration. Bring out your ideas and your ideals for the benefit of this Institution in whose name we are met, and whose honor and reputation we hold so dear.

And so I greet you. Let us to work!

Ten Lodges were constituted under charter, and eleven more were organized under dispensation.

Two decisions are recorded. One of these we reproduce:

2. A re-ballot is necessary upon a petition for the degrees after the expiration of the statutory time, even though the failure of the candidate to receive them be the fault of the Lodge.

In the case calling for this decision the candidate had been elected and had presented himself once or more as ordered to receive the first degree. Because of illness of the Master no meeting was held and the candidate was sent away. He was at all times ready to answer the summons of the Lodge. Upon a re-ballot he was not elected. In such a case it seems to me that, upon a proper showing over the seal of the Lodge that it and not the candidate was at fault, the Grand Master should be permitted to issue a dispensation to confer the degrees for a period at least equal to another statutory term, three months.

This may be good law in Washington, but it lacks the element of justice. It would be difficult to convince us that one man should suffer for the negligence of others.

The Grand Master seems to have a very decided opinion on the "liquor business:"

The question of our members being engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors is one involving our good name to a very large extent. We have prohibited the reception of candidates of that class, we have provided that our members who engage in it commit a Masonic offense, but we have not yet gone far enough. We should make the punishment for the offense expulsion, and not leave it to the whim of a few friends of a man to mitigate that punishment and still leave the Fraternity open to censure for the retaining of a member of that character.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that the net gain in membership for the year was 1,334; average membership per Lodge, seventy-six; strength of largest Lodge, 569.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$16,907.64.

Receipts of Masonic Home Fund, \$12,805.57.

Seattle was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A committee was appointed to select and purchase a site for a Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that each Lodge should judge for itself in the matter of physical qualifications; that hereafter expulsion should be inflicted on a Mason who engages in the business of selling intoxicating Liquors.

Here are some extracts from the eloquent address of Grand Orator William H. Acuff:

I will, therefore, confine myself to the consideration of the everyday relations of Masons; their Masonic privileges, opportunities and duties. To me, Masonry has ever been a living, breathing, consuming reality; not an idle ceremony or a passing pleasure, but a part of my daily life, bringing me in closer relation with my fellow-man, and making plain to me through its lectures and symbols that I can most acceptably serve my Father by helping and serving His children, my brothers.

I have spoken much of Love. Let me impress this thought more: be generous with your love, but above all love the living. The wreath of flowers that you place upon the casket of the dead can in no wise atone for a cold and loveless life towards the dead while living. Let your love be as constant, as unselfish, as was the love of the Master, who loved even unto death.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland were recognized.

Request for recognition from the Gran Logia Cosmos and the Gran Logia de Chile was postponed for further consideration.

Request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Greece and the Grand Orient of Italy was refused.

The office of Grand Historian was created.

Past Grand Master William H. Norris, of Iowa, was received with the Grand Honors as a distinguished visitor.

Retiring Grand Master McAllaster was presented with an elegant jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Stephen J. Chadwick makes another of his interesting reports, in which a summary of Georgia affairs is skillfully presented. He says: "Brother Meyerhardt is the 'old man eloquent,' or the young man, as the case may be, and his unstinted rhetoric will be missed by the guild"

He further says: "We trust the new Grand Master will get down closer to the earth, and admonish the brethren along practical, old-fashioned lines. And yet we part with Brother Meyerhardt with regret. His rhetoric is refreshing, and furnishes a resting spot to the gleaner of items of Masonic interest."

Most Worshipful Royal A. Gove, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—1908.

Well-executed portraits of Deputy Grand Master James S. Battye and Pro. Grand Master Michael Sampson occupy the first pages.

Quarterly Communication at Pert, July 26, 1907, with Grand Master Bishop Riley presiding.

Charter was granted to one new Lodge, and two Scottish Lodges transferred their allegiance to Western Australia.

Action was postponed on petition of Grand Lodge of Chili for recognition.

Quarterly Communication, April 23, 1908.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated for the purpose of inaugurating a Masonic Library and Museum.

The Grand Lodge was established with thirty-three Lodges and membership of 2,000. This number had increased to eighty-five Lodges with 3,878 members.

The Scottish question was at last settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

Scotland has recognized the New Grand Lodge, and, in future, has agreed to issue no more charters for any new Lodges within her Colony of Western Australia.

Total relief granted during the quarter, \$200.

Bishop Riley was unanimously re-elected Grand Master.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother J. D. Stevenson presents a carefully prepared report of 131 pages.

More than four pages of this interesting document is devoted to Georgia affairs.

He quotes largely from Grand Master Meyerhardt's address, and gives with nice discrimination the salient points of Georgia Masonic history for the year.

This from his conclusion :

We have found occasion to disagree with many American decisions on the great questions of "liquor" and "physical" disqualification, but we hasten to assure our Fraternal cousins on the other side of the Pacific that, in thus expressing our views, we are but voicing Australian Masonic opinion which regards these matters from quite a different standpoint.

Our long standing quarrel with the Grand Lodge of Scotland has

been happily terminated, and we are now at peace with all the world. In lowering the curtain on this unhappy dispute we tender with all gratitude our sincere thanks to those who supported us in our contention for the principles of local Masonic self-government; and now that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been added to the number, our cup of satisfaction is full and overflowing.

Most Worshipful Bishop Riley, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA—1908.

Forty-fourth Annual.

November 11.

FAIRMONT.

Present: Most Worshipful James A. Bryan, Grand Master; thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 138 Lodges.

Fine pictures of Grand Master Emmet M. Showalter and the Masonic Temple at Fairmont appear in the Proceedings.

Brother James A. Bryan, Grand Master, and the Representative of Georgia, made an instructive address, from which we quote:

As the years go by the Institution of Freemasonry loses none of its force and power. Its principles are as enduring as the ages because its teachings are founded upon the excellent tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth and having for its cardinal virtues temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, and being devoted to the right and the uplifting of mankind and believing in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and accepting the teachings of the Holy Bible, the great light in Masonry, as the guide to our faith and standing for purity of life, nobility of character, good citizenship, and just and liberal government of the affairs of the people, it shall continue to grow and prosper and attract the best men of the ages to come, as it ever has in the past.

Twenty-five special dispensations were issued. Several were refused to allow degrees to be conferred contrary to law.

Three decisions on physical qualifications:

That applicant with thumb off above the first joint on right hand is not eligible to the degrees of Freemasonry.

That applicant with left leg stiff so that he cannot kneel, is not eligible to the degrees of Freemasonry.

That applicant with right leg off below the knee is not eligible to the degrees of Freemasonry.

Of Correspondence Reports, he says:

It is our duty to spread true Masonic light and knowledge. The work of the Committees on Correspondence represents the carefully condensed thoughts of some of the brightest Masons who have been selected for this purpose, and I have long been under the impression if their work could be brought to the attention of the brethren in some attractive form we would have a more intelligent constituency, and the brethren have a knowledge of what is going on in the Masonic world and the Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are in cordial relation. I recommend that in the future the Grand Secretary have a sufficient number of copies printed for distribution among the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, and I suggest that in this connection in the review of the several Grand Jurisdictions where certificates for visiting Lodges are required that he do note it at the close of such reviews.

The Grand Master condemned in no uncertain terms the doctrine of "Perpetual Jurisdiction," and, in accordance with the views of the Grand Master the doctrine was repudiated by the Grand Lodge.

It is to be hoped the time will come when all the Grand Lodges will place the seal of their condemnation on this unreasonable regulation.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$9,420.01.

Three new Lodges were created by dispensation.

Recognition was granted the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and was refused the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua.

Application for permission to visit the Lodges under the jurisdiction of West Virginia by two persons claiming allegiance to the Grand Orient of Spain was refused.

Brother James A. Bryan was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

The Grand Secretary's report shows, total membership, 12,814; net gain, 736.

Wheeling was chosen as the next place of meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A comprehensive report is made by Brother Hiram R. Howard.

He classes the address of Grand Master Meyerhardt as a "masterly gem."

These sensible words from his conclusion will appeal to the intelligence of all reading Masons:

Foreign Correspondence Reports, costing so much time, research, thought and labor, to say nothing of the money value, are certainly intended to serve other purposes than to be laid away unread, to be used, possibly, only as data for the future Masonic student or historian. Have any of you ever given a single thought what those purposes are? It is for the living present they are expected and desired to be of service and benefit. They lay before you in condensed and convenient form, summaries of current news and thought of the whole Masonic world, showing briefly its legislation, presenting statistics of its finances and membership, its munificent charities, its fraternal gatherings and assemblies, its differences in ritualistic work, in laws and government, discussions of its landmarks, biographies and memorials of its eminent and distinguished dead, its rearing and dedication of magnificent Homes and Temples, and much more, covering every conceivable feature of the work and progress of Freemasonry and the diffusion of its moral and benevolent principles, besides giving extracts in which are embodied gems of Masonic thought and oratory, many of which may be said to be classical in character, for you may not be aware of the fact, but some of our greatest statesmen, heroic warriors, brilliant writers, learned authors and renowned orators are contributors in this field of literature.

Most Worshipful Emmet M. Showalter, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful H. R. Howard, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN—1909.

Sixty-fifth Annual.

June 8.

MILWAUKEE.

Present: Most Worshipful James E. Durgin, Grand Master, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of 244 Lodges.

The Grand Master in his annual address compares Masonry to the Eddystone Light, whose foundation is fixed in a ledge beneath the sea:

So there has been erected in this moral and social life of ours a Masonic Lighthouse. The living rock upon which this structure rests is "Belief in God." The first course laid upon this foundation is "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." The rule by which this structure has been reared is "Act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, practice charity," and finally this edifice is crowned and illuminated by the precious hope of the Master Mason that death is not the end.

Where in all the wide realm of human intelligence will you find a sentence so pregnant with meaning, so far reaching in results, if we but practice it, as the sentence just quoted. As the physical lighthouse must

resist the assaults of the sea, so our Masonic edifice has been attacked by every power that envy, hatred, malice and bigotry could command. These assaults have been as useless as it would be for a child to attempt to overthrow the Washington monument. The Masonic lighthouse is firm and secure. Never in all its history has it occupied a more enviable position in the estimation of the outside world than at this moment. Never has it been more useful to the human race. Never has the necessity for its existence been greater than at present.

Many special dispensations were issued for various purposes:

Twenty-seven lessened the time between degrees.

Eleven lessened the time of residence in the jurisdiction.

Fourteen lessened the time of residence in the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

One permitted a re-ballot on a rejected candidate within a year, requiring notice to be given to all brethren who were present at the communication at which the original vote was taken of the proposed re-ballot.

Fourteen permitted other bodies to occupy Masonic Lodge rooms or the reverse, as they in no wise affected the business of the Lodge, they were issued without fee.

Two new Lodges were organized under dispensation.

8. A Brother presents a petition for affiliation accompanied by a dimit from a Lodge in this State. While said petition was pending and before action was taken by the Lodge with which he proposed to affiliate, he died suddenly. His daughter presents her petition to the Order of the Eastern Star. They refuse to receive it. His widow applies to me for relief demanding that I direct the Order of the Eastern Star to receive and act upon the petition, and further asking, "What are my Masonic rights?"

A. (a) The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has no jurisdiction over, relationship to, or connection with the Order of the Eastern Star any more than any other non-Masonic institution. I can, therefore, give you no relief in that direction.

(b) Your rights are those of the widow of a non-affiliated Master Mason.

13. When a brother has taken a degree and is in default, is it necessary for him to give a written notice to the Worshipful Master or to the Lodge stating that he wishes to advance, or is it sufficient to make a verbal request to a brother and request the brother to make his wishes known either to the Worshipful Master or to the Lodge?

A. The request should be made in writing to the Lodge in order that a proper record may be made, although the constitution does not specifically so provide.

The Committee on Jurisprudence failed to approve number thirteen.

17. At the recent election of officers in a Lodge, a brother was elected Master for the ensuing year. "It was my intention to appoint one of the brethren, should I succeed to this position, as Senior Deacon, but unfortunately for me he was elected Secretary. Now I still have a great desire for him to serve in this former position. Would it be proper for me to appoint him as Senior Deacon and allow him to appoint some one Secretary *pro tem* and take his work, or could he resign and then permit me to call a special election to fill the vacancy?"

A. Your Secretary-elect cannot hold two offices. Neither can he appoint his successor. He may, however, decline to qualify as Secretary. If the Lodge should request it, I would grant a dispensation for a special election to fill the vacancy.

22. Is it contrary to Masonic law for a Lodge to receive the petition of a minor who lacks two months of being of age, elect him and then on his twenty-first birthday confer the Entered Apprentice Degree?

A. Yes, he must be a man before he is eligible to petition for the degrees.

Number seventeen was endorsed with the declaration that no dispensation is necessary.

As to number twenty-two, most Grand Lodges require that the candidate shall have attained the age of 21 years, before an election can be held on his petition.

A large number of Lodges in the Southeastern portion of the State were visited by the Grand Master. These Lodges had never before been officially visited.

The Grand Secretary's Report shows, total number chartered Lodges 259; total membership 24,946; net gain 972.

Past Grand Master, Spencer M. Marsh was presented with a jewel.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$32,014.13.

During the year, 134 Lodges were visited by the Grand Lecturer.

The serious illness of Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, for twenty years Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Illinois having been reported, the Grand Secretary was directed to send him a note of sympathy.

Recognition was extended to the consolidated Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

An interesting address was delivered by Brother Vincent L. Tissera, a Master Mason, whose native place is the Island of Ceylon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother Aldro Jenks makes his twelfth report of 136 pages. It is an interesting document. We endorse the following concerning the initiation of President Taft:

The writer has no doubt of the prerogative of a Grand Master to confer the Degrees of Masonry at sight; nevertheless, he can but regret that Grand Master Hoskinson should have done so on this occasion. The Freemasons of the United States would have felt honored had President Taft applied for and received the degrees in the usual manner, but to confer this honor upon him at the time and in the manner in which it was done was clearly unfortunate. It savors of toadyism pure and simple, for no one will believe for a moment that this ceremony would have been indulged in if President Taft had been defeated instead of elected at the presidential election.

Most worshipful Alvin T. Webb, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING—1908.

Thirty-fourth Annual.

September 2.

SHERIDAN.

Present: Most Worshipful Francis S. King; Grand Master, three Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-two Lodges.

The frontispiece is a portrait of Past Grand Master Marion P. Wheeler.

Two Special Communications were held to lay corner-stones.

The Grand Master reports healthy conditions in his Jurisdiction:

The official year just closed has been one of healthy growth both in membership and in financial conditions. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our borders and the only strife that has been brought to my knowledge has been "as to who best could work." In traveling throughout this Grand Jurisdiction I have constantly held this matter of work before the Lodges. The work, as commonly so called, sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, I am glad to say, is strictly followed by all the Lodges that I have visited, so far as understood by them; and the officers and members have welcomed any information that was needed.

One Lodge was constituted, and three more were created by dispensation.

We quote some of the decisions rendered :

Question.—A brother having been found guilty of un-Masonic conduct and the Lodge inflicting a punishment of short definite suspension, are there grounds for an appeal from the penalty inflicted, and would same be entertained because of the small punishment inflicted, that of one year?

Answer.—It appears to me that an appeal does not lie; it is only in cases of gross miscarriages of justice, or the refusal to inflict any penalty, that the Grand Master is warranted in intervening.

We cannot endorse this decision. Any brother, who feels that the penalty is inadequate, has the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge, that justice be done to the Lodge as well as to the brother.

Question.—Can the minutes of a previous communication be read from notes or loose sheets of paper for approval and afterwards entered in the minute book of the Lodge?

Answer.—No. The minutes of any meeting to be regularly read for approval must be read from the minute book of the Lodge, and any alterations or corrections must show as such in the minutes. Minutes approved otherwise are not regular and would not be received as such.

Ten dispensations were issued for sundry purposes. One was to a brother to have his petition for advancement balloted upon at a special meeting. The brother had to travel over 100 miles to take the degree.

The following will show the propriety of granting certain dispensations:

The size of the territory coming under the jurisdiction of Wyoming Lodge No. 2 before the granting of the dispensations to Wind River and Riverton Lodges was as follows:

120 miles to the nearest Lodge on the east, viz., Casper, 146 miles by stage.

130 miles to west line of the State.

60 miles to Thermopolis, nearest Lodge north, 80 miles by stage.

100 miles to Green River, the nearest Lodge south, 133 miles by stage.

Its jurisdiction included 12,000 square miles, and I have compared its territory to some of the eastern jurisdictions:

Its territory was 3,000 square miles larger than New Hampshire.

Its territory was 2,870 square miles larger than Vermont.

Its territory was 4,000 square miles larger than Massachusetts.

Its territory was 11,000 square miles larger than Rhode Island (12 times.)

Its territory was 7,200 square miles larger than Connecticut.

Its territory was 4,500 square miles larger than New Jersey.

Its territory was 10,000 square miles larger than Delaware (6 times.)

Its territory was 3,000 square miles larger than Maryland.

It was as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined, with one-half of New Jersey thrown in

Mount Moriah Lodge, at Green River, is today larger in size than Massachusetts; it is as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined.

Encampment, the Lodge having the smallest area under its jurisdiction of any other Lodge in the State, still has more square miles than Rhode Island.

Receipts of Grand Treasurer, \$3,436.10.

Cheyenne was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The Committee on Masonic Home reported that they had accumulated a fund amounting to \$1,634.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Brother W. L. Kuykendall makes another one of his excellent reports in which Georgia for 1907 is well treated.

In his conclusion, he advocates the requirement of documentary evidence in the case of visitors, who are not personally vouched for, and gives some cogent reasons to support his opinion.

Most Worshipful M. P. Wheeler, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful W. L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

If we had the time and space, we could preach a sermon from the single word "Life" as a text.

Included among the inhabitants of earth are two extremes, neither of which has a true conception of "Life" as it ought to be.

Some exclaim, *Dum vivimus, vivamus*, "While we live, let us live;" or, to amplify a little, "while we live, let us have a good time; eat, drink, and be merry."

From the other extreme come those, who always see imprinted on the heavens above, the laughing waters beneath, the sky, the silvery moonlight, the springing grass, and all things bright and beautiful, in sable letters, the melancholy words, *Memento mori*, "Remember, you die."

One extreme discloses a selfish and reckless disregard of what should be the aim and purpose of right living. The other extreme enfolds its victims with a morbid imagination, which makes life not worth the living.

There is only one safe course to pursue: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the sick, comfort the afflicted, whisper words of consolation to the sorrowing.

When you have done all this, you will reach the only real happiness attainable in this world, and when the end comes, you may be like one—

"Who wraps the drapery of his couch about him
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Fraternally submitted,

A. Q. MOODY,
Committee.

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